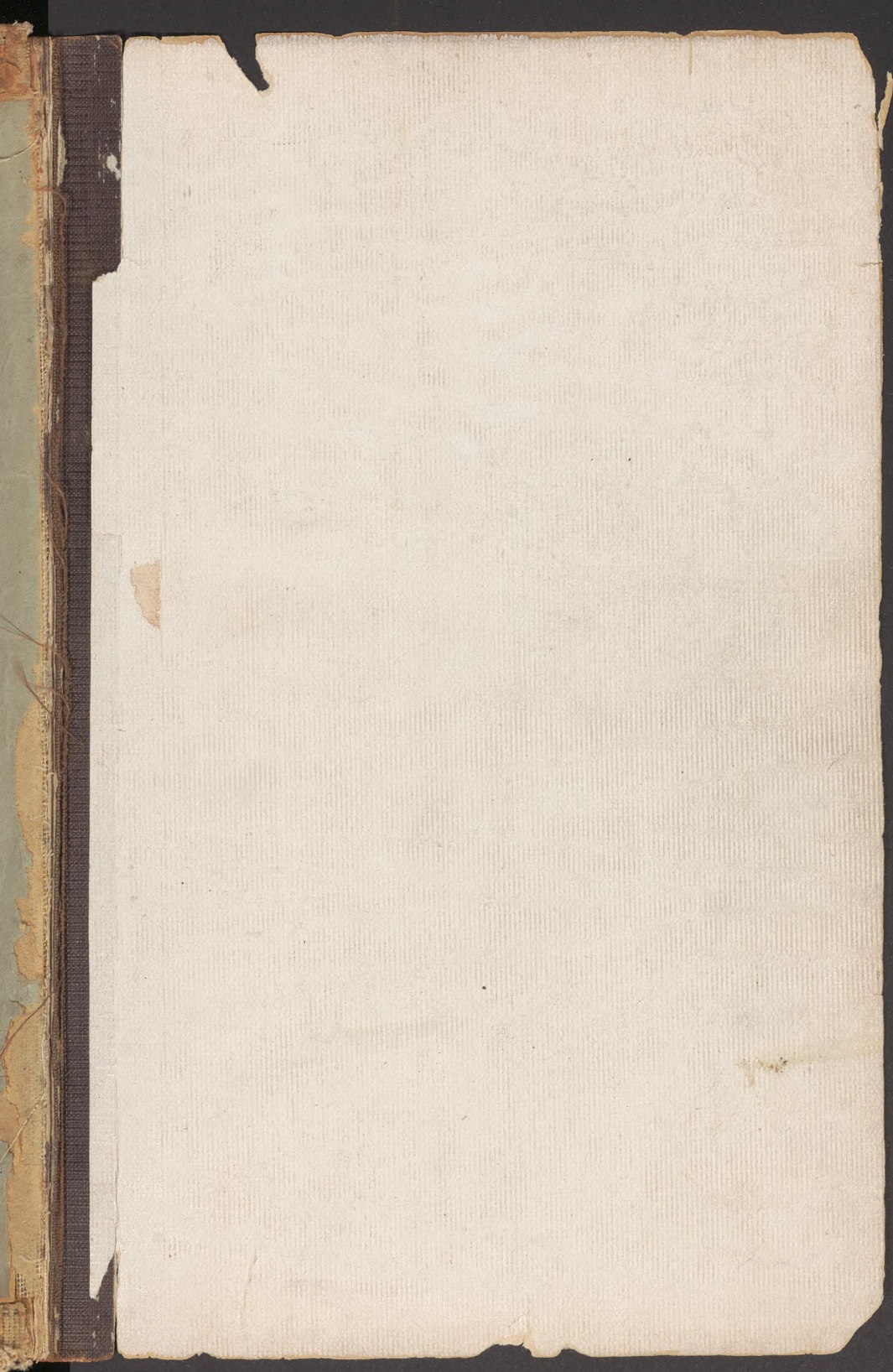


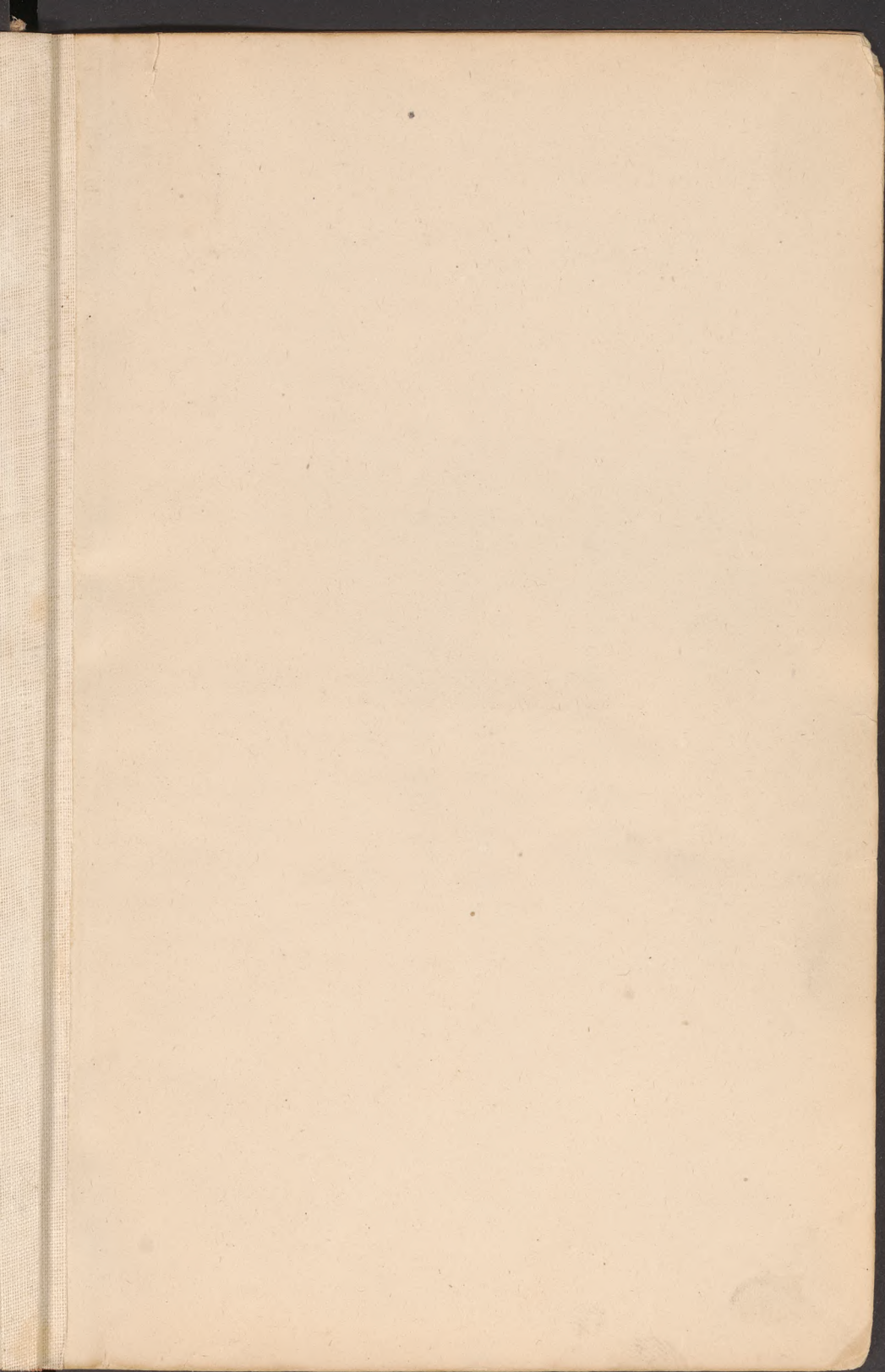
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RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

West Virginia Annual Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, M.
2. The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer; and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.
4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member, request it.
6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment.
7. No new motion shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or to lie on the table.
8. Every speaker, on any one subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.
9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote, without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and, when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees, unless the call shall be dispensed with by order of the Conference. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journal of the Conference to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-third Annual Session in Charleston, West Virginia, March 10th, 1870—Bishop E. THOMSON, presiding.

Religious services were conducted by the Bishop, and participated in by Bros. Clark and Monroe.

Secretaries—J. L. Clark, J. P. Farmer, and S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—F. Ball, D. H. K. Dix, B. Darlington, W. C. Wilson, R. M. Wallace.

Board of Stewards, Lay—E. J. Stone, F. G. W. Ford, D. Patterson, P. W. Morgan.

On Public Worship—G. W. Richmond, E. W. Ryan.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—Wm. M. Mullenix, A. Martin, E. C. Wayman, J. A. Kibbe, L. H. Jordan.

On Sunday Schools—J. M. Powell, B. Ison, S. King, S. D. Jones, G. W. Matheny.

On Periodicals—J. B. Feather, J. W. Webb, H. C. Sanford, R. R. Highleyman, F. H. J. King.

On Tracts—M. McNeel, J. M. Warden, J. A. Williams, E. B. Blundon, V. Sanford.

On Bible Cause—E. F. Pitcher, T. B. Hughes, M. W. Rider, A. Hall, S. E. Steele.

On Temperance—W. L. Hindman, A. J. Lyda, W. W. Kelly, R. Northcraft, A. B. Smith.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts—J. M. Powell, A. J. Lyda, S. W. Davis, A. Hall, V. Sanford.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Funds for Minutes—C. Conner, W. F. Cannan, S. B. D. Prickett, W. Snodgrass, W. E. Loomis.

On Materials for Minutes—A. J. Lyda.

On Post Offices—J. W. Eckess.

On Book Accounts—W. M. Mullenix, S. B. D. Prickett.

On Memoirs—M. Titchenel, D. S. Benedum.

On Wheeling Female College—The Committee on Education.

On Observance of the Sabbath—J. J. Dollivar, J. W. Webb, J. P. Thatcher, J. A. Williams, B. Darlington.

On the Union of the various Methodist Bodies—T. H. Monroe, S. Steele, J. M. Powell, J. L. Irwin, J. L. Clark, M. Titchenel.

To Receive Moneys for Church Extension and Freedmen's Aid Society—S. E. Steele.

On the Case of L. Parke—M. Titchenel, *President*, J. W. Webb, R. M. Wallace, E. C. Wayman, T. B. Hughes, D. H. K. Dix, F. Ball, J. W. W. Bolton, H. C. Sanford, T. H. Trainer, S. E. Steele, S. D. Jones.

To publish Minutes—E. W. Ryan, G. W. Richmond.

Examining Committees for 1871.

First Year—D. H. K. Dix, E. W. Ryan, T. B. Hughes.

Second Year—J. A. Kibbe, T. M. Hartley, S. King.

Third Year—J. W. W. Bolton, R. M. Wallace, W. M. Mullenix.

Fourth Year—F. Ball, S. E. Steele, B. Darlington.

Candidates for Admission on Trial—Presiding Elder and Preacher in Charge.

Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders—J. B. Feather, M. McNeel.

Local Deacons for Elders' Orders—A. Hall, J. M. Warden.

To Preach the Conference Missionary Sermon—A. J. Lyda.

Alternate—J. J. Dolliver.

To preach Conference Sermon—J. W. W. Bolton.

AGENT OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—J. L. Irwin.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION I. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Nathan L. Baumgardner, William H. Young, James B. Beaty, Neville C. Beckley, George W. McClelland, Lorin L. Stewart, John T. McCartney, Caleb J. Treppitt, James W. Griffiths.
Re-admitted—C. H. Conway, Edgar S. Wilson, John Conwell.

Q. II. Who remain on trial?

ANS. M. Dowler, J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, E. C. Woodruff, W. J. Sharp, G. W. Miller, L. A. Tallman, J. W. Hess, S. F. Smith, F. M. Hughes, D. W. Carrico.

Q. III. Who are admitted into full connection, and ordained Deacons?

ANS. J. P. Farmer,* J. M. Eckess, W. C. Snodgrass, W. E. Loomis, L. H. Jordan, J. P. Coleman.

Q. IV. Who are the Deacons?

ANS. R. R. Highleyman, S. B. D. Prickett, G. Rogers.

Q. V. Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS. W. F. Cannan, W. W. Kelly, M. W. Rider, E. B. Blundon, D. S. Benedum, E. F. Pitcher.

Q. VI. Who have located this year?

ANS. J. B. Blakeney, L. Parke.

Q. VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANS. M. Titchenel, A. J. Lyon, W. H. Shaw, J. B. Pinchen, A. B. Rohrbough.

Q. VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANS. J. Birkett, A. Dixon, G. Jones, R. L. Brooks, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, G. Monroe, A. Stevens, J. L. Sanford, D. A. McGinnis, W. R. Howe, B. F. Rogers.

Q. IX. Who have been expelled this year?

ANS. None.

* Was ordained last year.

Q. X. Who have withdrawn this year?

Ans. None.

Q. XI. Were all the Preachers' characters examined?

Ans. This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

Q. XII. Who have died this year?

Ans. Phillip Green. (See report of the Committee on Members.)

Q. XIII. What is the number of Church members?

Ans. Members.....	21,659
Probationers	6,198
Local Preachers.....	254
	28,111
Last year	25,288
Increase	2,823

Q. XIV. What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the Circuits?

Ans. \$6,624 99

Q. XV. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Ans. From Circuits and Stations.....	\$869 16
“ Chartered fund	30 00
“ Interest on money in hands of S. Steele.	6 50
	\$905 66

Which has been applied as follows:

Rev. R. L. Brooks*....	\$140 56	Amount brought up ..	\$810 56
“ F. Guthrie.....	100 00	B. Hagar.....	10 00
“ A. Dixon.....	85 00	G. W. Matheny	10 00
Funeral expenses of		Samuel F. Smith	25 00
Rev. P. Green.....	40 00	F. H. J. King	25 00
Widow Warman.....	125 00	For Paper, Ink and En-	
“ Vandervort....	115 00	velopes	35
“ Burns	25 00	Rev. S. Steele, Copn,	
“ Battelle	15 00	Trunk and Blanks...	2 50
Rev. R. Northcraft ...	75 00	Conference Roll Book.	2 25
“ W. E. Loomis ...	25 00	A. W. Davis, Green Ct.	10 00
“ James Strickland	25 00	A. T. George, Pine	
J. W. Sharp	40 00	Grove	10 00
	\$810 56		\$905 66

* Twenty-one dollars from Kingwood, specially for Brother Brooks.

Q. XVI. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>
Charleston District	G. W. Richmond, P. E.	Kanawha C. H., Ka. Co., W. Va.
“ Station	E. W. Ryan	“ “ “ “ “
“ Circuit	L. H. Jordan	“ “ “ “ “
Nicholas	(B. Darlington (One to be supplied)	Summersville, Nicholas “ “
Mountain Cove	J. W. Griffiths	
Braxton	S. F. Smith	
Raymond City	W. E. Loomis	
Elk River	G. W. Matheny	
Mill Creek	To be supplied	
Buffalo	A. B. Smith	Buffalo, Putnam Co., W. Va.
Point Pleasant	J. S. Freeland	Point Pleasant, Mason “ “
Hartford City	J. M. Powell	Hartford City, “ “
Spencer	To be supplied	
Webster	“ “	
Fayette	“ “	

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>
Guyandotte District	D. H. K. Dix	
“ Circuit	S. E. Steele	Guyandotte, Cabell Co., W. Va.
Wayne	V. Sanford	Ceredo, Wayne “ “
Sandy	To be supplied	
Monticello	“ “	
Winfield	B. Hagar	Winfield, Putnam “ “
Hamlin	(To be supplied...) (M. G. Sayre)	Hamlin, Lincoln “ “
Coal River	J. W. Sharp	
Boone	N. C. Beckley	
Logan	To be supplied	Logan C. H., Logan “ “
Raleigh	F. H. J. King	
Wyoming	To be supplied	
Mercer	“ “	
McDowell	“ “	

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>
Parkersburg District	B. Ison, P. E.	Parkersburg, Wood Co., W. Va.
“ Station	J. A. Kibbe	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit	J. P. Coleman	“ “ “ “
Williamsport and Pe-	(E. L. Nicholson...) (J. B. Beaty)	Williamstown, “ “ “
troleum		
Murraysville	R. L. Woodyard	Murraysville, Jackson “ “
Ravenswood	W. C. Snodgrass	
Harrisville	A. Hall	Harrisville, Ritchie “ “
Ellenboro	To be supplied	Ellenboro, “ “ “
Burning Springs	E. B. Blundon	
West Union	W. W. Kelley	West Union, Doddridge “ “
Sistersville	J. W. W. Bolton	Sistersville, Tyler “ “
Middlebourne	R. R. Highleyman	Middlebourne, “ “ “
Calhoun	To be supplied	Calhoun C. H., Calhoun “ “
Glenville	L. A. Tallman	Glenville, Gilmer “ “

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>
Clarksburg District	S. Steele, P. E.	
“ Station	To be supplied	Clarksburg, Harrison Co., W. Va.
West Milford	S. King	West Milford, “ “ “
Freemansburgh	To be supplied	
Weston	M. W. Rider	Weston, Lewis “ “

Frenchton	G. Rogers	Centerville, Upshur	Co., W. Va.
Pruntytown	{ W. L. Hindman... F. M. Hughes... }	Pruntytown, Taylor	" "
Philippi	S. B. D. Prickett...	Philippi, Barbour	" "
Buckhannon	H. C. Sanford	Buckhannon, Upshur	" "
"	Circuit..... J. Conwell	"	" "
Upshur	J. W. Reger	Buckhannon, Upshur	" "
Fairmont	E. C. Wayman	Fairmont, Marion	" "
Marion	M. Allen	Barracksville, "	" "
Lumberport	To be supplied	Lumberport, "	" "
Beverly	T. M. Hartley	Beverly, Randolph	" "
Salem	J. A. Williams	Salem, Harrison	" "
Bridgeport	J. W. Eckess	Bridgeport, "	" "
Normal School, R. W. White, Principal, member of Fairmont Quar. Conference.			

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>	
Morgantown District	J. W. Webb, P. E.,	Morgantown, Monongalia Co., W. Va.	
"	Station.. Wm. M. Mullenix	"	" "
"	Circuit.. George W. Miller	"	" "
Smithtown	To be supplied.		
Monongalia	J. J. Dolliver,	"	" "
Brandonville	{ J. P. Thatcher... C. J. Trippett	Brandonville, Preston	" "
Grantsville	E. C. Woodruff	Grantsville, Alleghany	" Md.
Kingwood	M. McNeel	Kingwood, Preston	" W. Va.
Oakland	R. M. Wallace	Oakland, Alleghany	" Md.
Newburg	W. C. Wilson	Newburg, Preston	" W. Va.
Evansville	L. D. Casto	Evansville, "	" "
Grafton & Fetterman	J. L. Clark	Grafton, Taylor	" "
Palatine	W. D. Carrico	Palatine, Marion	" "
Knottsville	E. S. Wilson	Knottsville, Taylor	" "
Blacksville	{ C. Conner	Jollytown, Greene	" Pa.
	{ N. L. Baumgardner }		
St. George	J. W. Hess	St. George, Tucker	" W. Va.
West Va. University	Alex. Martin	Morgantown, Monongalia	" "

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Offices.</i>	
Wheeling District	G. Martin, P. E.	Wheeling, Ohio	Co., W. Va.
"	Fourth St. H. C. Westwood	"	" "
"	North St. T. B. Hughes	"	" "
"	Island S. W. Davis	"	" "
"	Zane St. J. P. Farmer	"	" "
"	Chapline St. A. J. Lyda	"	" "
South Wheeling	W. H. Morton	"	" "
Marshall	{ J. B. Feather	"	" "
	{ L. L. Stewart		
Moundsville	T. H. Monroe	Moundsville, Marshall	" "
New Martinsville	{ S. D. Jones	New Martinsville, Wetzel	" "
	{ One to be supplied }		
Pine Grove	D. S. Benedum	Pine Grove, "	" "
Mannington	{ W. F. Cannan	Mannington, Marion	" "
	{ G. W. McClelland }		
Green	C. H. Conway	Belton, Marshall	" "
Cameron	M. Dowler	Cameron, "	" "
Grave Creek	{ R. Northcraft	Roseby's Lock, Marshall	" "
	{ J. T. McCartney		
Dallas	D. Cool	Dallas, "	" "
Triadelphia	F. Ball	Triadelphia, Ohio	" "
Short Creek & Liberty	J. M. Warden	West Liberty, "	" "
Benwood	T. H. Trainer	Benwood, Marshall	" "
Wheeling Female College	W. H. Morton	Wheeling, Ohio	" "
C. H. Lakin	transferred to Des Moines	Conference.	
W. E. Williamson	"	Central Illinois	" "
E. F. Pitcher	"	Philadelphia	" "

LOCAL PREACHERS.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

	W. A. Woodall	Kanawha C. H.,	Kanawha	"	"
	W. Surratt	Charleston,	"	"	"
	J. P. Withrow	"	"	"	"
	G. W. Atkinson	"	"	"	"
nce.	J. Connor, E	"	"	"	"
	J. B. Hannah	Mountain Cove,	Fayette County,	West Va.	
	Wm. Johnson	Fayetteville,	"	"	"
Va.	J. Scarbough	"	"	"	"
	Jno. Kincaid	"	"	"	"
	R. McCutcheon	Nicholas C. H.,	Nicholas	"	"
	J. Hutchinson	"	"	"	"
	S. F. Williams	"	"	"	"
Md.	A. Gregory	Addison,	Webster	"	"
Va.	Wm. Gregory	"	"	"	"
Md.	J. G. Ripley				
Va.	Wm. Baxter	Braxton C. H.,	Braxton	"	"
	Wm. B. Rose	"	"	"	"
	N. W. Shannon	"	"	"	"
Pa.	S. B. Grose	Clay C. H.,	Clay	"	"
Va.	A. Waugh	"	"	"	"
	Jas. Ashley	"	"	"	"
	D. Schoonover	"	"	"	"
	J. Morton	"	"	"	"
Va.	W. D. Sanford, E	"	"	"	"
	C. King	"	"	"	"
	J. S. Moses	Putnam C. H.,	Putnam	"	"
	D. Needman, E	"	"	"	"
	T. A. Mariston	Point Pleasant,	Mason	"	"
	J. Taylor	"	"	"	"
	E. S. Maguire	"	"	"	"
	J. Bird	Mason City,	"	"	"
	W. W. Harper	"	"	"	"
	R. Brooks, E	Coalsmouth,	Kanawha	"	"
	T. Davis	Charleston,	"	"	"
	S. Estep	Newport,	Boone	"	"
	R. E. Perry	Peytona,	"	"	"
	W. V. Bias	"	"	"	"
	A. D. Perry	"	"	"	"
	J. T. Carroll	Hamlin,	Lincoln	"	"
	Jas. Black	"	"	"	"
	E. Spurlock	"	"	"	"
	R. Hagar	Boone C. H.,	Boone	"	"
	A. Browning	Logan C. H.,	Logan	"	"

J. Browning	Logan C. H.,	Logan County, West Va.
A. Workman	Marshes of Coal, Raleigh	" "
G. Crook	Jumping Branch, Mercer	" "
J. Webb	Marshes of Coal, Raleigh	" "
M. Ownby	Wyoming C. H., Wyoming	" "
C. Hinchman	Rich Creek, Logan	" "

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Stewart, L.	Toll Gate,	Doddridge Co., West Va.
J. T. Hickman, D.	Sistersville,	Tyler " "
T. R. Park, L.	Ravenswood,	Jackson " "
S. Ball, D	"	" " "
S. Williams, L	"	" " "
W. R. Mahon, L.	Cottageville,	" " "
J. Steele, D.	Lockhart's Run,	Wood " "
O. Stevens, D	Fountain Spring,	" " "
R. Kanard, L.	Williamstown,	" " "
B. Athey, D	"	" " "
Levi Newbanks, D.	Bull Creek,	" " "
E. McPherson, L	Parkersburg,	" " "
C. Anderson, L.	Bellville,	" " "
S. M. Robinson, L	Elizabeth,	Wirt " "
E. Riddle, L	Harrisville,	Ritchie " "
— Curry, L.	Ellenboro,	" " "
J. Trainer, L.	"	" " "
E. Clayton, L	White Oak,	" " "
H. M. Law, L.	Bone Creek,	" " "
J. W. Miller, D.	"	" " "
A. Malone, D.	"	" " "
J. Hardman	Goff's P. O.,	" " "
S. Pringle, L.	Spencer,	Roane " "
B. Rogers, D.	"	" " "
E. Radebough, L	"	" " "
D. Skidmore, L.	"	" " "
W. Yerkey, D.	Glenville,	Gilmer " "
T. Crain, L.	"	" " "
J. W. Amos, E.	Parkersburg,	Wood " "
D. King, L.	Sistersville,	Tyler " "
J. Parker, L.	Grand View,	Washington " Ohio.
G. McIntire, L	Moore's,	Tyler " West Va.
R. Martin, L	Van Camp,	Wetzel " "
D. Meredith, D.	"	" " "
J. Delaney, L	Bellville,	Jackson " "
C. Anderson, L.	"	" " "
Jno. Johnson, L.	Sandyville,	" " "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Jno. Conwell, D.	Clarksburg,	Harrison County, West Va.
D. Rector, D.	"	" " "

J. Holt, E.	West Milford,	Harrison	Co.,	West Va.
J. G. Thompson	Clarksburg,	"	"	"
A. C. Rider	Quiet Dell,	"	"	"
S. P. Wilson	Kincheloe,	"	"	"
Elias Yerkey	W. Milford,	"	"	"
N. Snider	Weston,	Lewis	"	"
Jno. Law	"	"	"	"
G. W. Dean	"	"	"	"
J. McWhorter	"	"	"	"
J. C. McCoy	Big Skin Creek,	"	"	"
G. S. Riffe	Centerville,	Upshur	"	"
Jos. Vincent	"	"	"	"
S. Wilson	Beachtown,	"	"	"
A. Vincent, E	Shinnston,	Harrison	"	"
J. J. Nixon	Boothsville,	Marion	"	"
C. W. Upton	Philippi,	Barbour	"	"
D. R. Poling	"	"	"	"
S. S. Lockney	"	"	"	"
A. C. Boyers	"	"	"	"
J. R. Poston	Pleasant Creek,	"	"	"
James Teter	Bealington,	"	"	"
L. Kittle	"	"	"	"
D. S. Pinnell	Buckhannon,	Upshur	"	"
E. Bennett	"	"	"	"
J. Waugh	"	"	"	"
J. S. W. Dean	"	"	"	"
W. Ward	"	"	"	"
J. Burns	Fairmont,	Marion	"	"
D. Turney	"	"	"	"
M. W. Davis, D	Cherry Camp,	Harrison	"	"
H. Foggy	Beverly,	Randolph	"	"
A. Reader	Bridgeport,	Harrison	"	"

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Chas. McLane	Morgantown,	Monongalia Co.,	West Va.
A. L. Wade	"	"	"
F. W. Dean	"	"	"
S. W. Wood	"	"	"
Leonard Worman	Ice's Ferry,	"	"
Morgan Boyers	Granville,	"	"
Nelson Waters	"	"	"
Geo. W. Smith	"	"	"
Jno. M. Bailey	"	"	"
Newton Stewart	Laurel Point,	"	"
Israel Rich	"	"	"
Daniel Titchenel	Pleasant Hill,	Preston	"
Jno. C. Robinson	Glade Farms,	"	"
C. Ringer	Morgan's Glade,	"	"
Jno. M. Davis	Oakland,		Maryland.

E. G. Murphy	Grafton,	Taylor	County, West Va.
E. S. Wilson	Knottsville,	"	"
F. G. W. Ford	Kasson,	Barbour	"
G. A. Compton	"	"	"
D. K. Ford	"	"	"
H. L. Cox	"	"	"
Jos. Dewitt	Johnstown,	Alleghany	" Maryland.
D. H. Friend	"	"	"
Jos. Grubb, E.	White Day,	Preston	" West Va.
T. Hawkins	Raccoon,	"	"
J. H. Gibson	Brandonville,	"	"
P. S. Barrack	Tunnelton,	"	"
C. W. Swearingen	Palatine,	Marion	"
J. J. Davis	Winfield,	"	"
I. Hawkins, D.	"	"	"
J. Swisher	Forksburg,	"	"
M. Doolittle	"	"	"

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. Stone, E.	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, West Va.
W. G. Hobbs, E.	"	"	"
J. Willetts, D.	"	"	"
J. A. Lancaster, L.	"	"	"
Jas. Baggs, L.	"	"	"
S. Jones, E.	Moundsville,	Marshall	"
G. Pelley, E.	"	"	"
J. A. Alexander, E.	"	"	"
W. Evans, L.	"	"	"
J. McElfresh, L.	Pine Grove,	Wetzel	"
W. Wilcox, L.	"	"	"
J. Edgel, L.	"	"	"
J. Musgrave, L.	"	"	"
J. Hall, L.	"	"	"
J. D. Snodgrass, D.	"	"	"
J. M. Sterling, L.	"	"	"
J. Alley, E.	Glen Easton,	Marshall	"
H. Riggs	Moundsville,	"	"
G. Franklin, L.	Bellton,	Marshall	"
G. W. Parrot, L.	"	"	"
D. Cunningham, E.	Mannington,	Marion	"
W. Conway, L.	"	"	"
A. Ney, L.	"	"	"
R. Wilson, L.	Dallas,	Marshall	"
B. F. Charlton, L.	Mannington,	Marion	"
W. Darling, L.	West Liberty,	Ohio	"
S. Loveall, L.	New Martinsville,	Wetzel	"
J. M. Davis, L.	Cameron,	Marshall	"
D. J. McGinnis,	Wheeling,	Ohio	"

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	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																					
Charleston Station	105	1	4	2	1	1	1	7000	1	1500	5 00	37 50			\$16 70	2 00		1	15	100	100
" Circuit	281	4	90	1	14	1	1	4000	1	800	5 00	25 00		1 00	2 00	2 00		4	29	95	...
Raymond City and Mill Creek	480	3	207	1	12	17	1	4000			1 00	5 75						5	25	120	350
Winfield Circuit	179	3	57	1	17	6	1	4000			1 00	5 75						4	32	121	362
Buffalo Circuit	70		30				1	300													
Mountain Cove Circuit	166	2	30				1	100			1 00	3 50						1	13	40	...
Fayette Circuit	100	2	97		23	3	1	200			1 00	3 50						2	10	50	...
Summersville Circuit	419	2	107	4	4	1	1	2500	1	100	1 00	18 00						6	59	359	600
Elk River Circuit	325	4	225	1	30	12	1	100			3 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 75		7	49	190	500
Coal River Circuit	180	1	5	6			2	400			3 00	7 70			29 70			4	24	200	100
Guyandotte Circuit	153	2	82	1	12	2	2	3000				15 50						3	21	145	300
Wayne Circuit	200	2	30	4	20	9	2	1000													
Hamlin Circuit	137	1	55	6	17	22	2	1500			4 00	6 00						3	21	100	70
Boone and Logan Circuit	305	2	170	6	5	60	1	100			3 00	14 40				1 50		4	32	120	260
Wyoming Circuit	50	2	325		3													4	10	75	...
Raleigh Circuit	375	8	60	3	15	5	2	200			1 00							6	20	240	...
McDowell and Mercer Circuit	211		60	3	20	45						2 00									...
Total	3796	40	1700	63	197	184	28	\$24400	3	\$2400	\$19 00	\$155 75	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$49 40	\$6 25		56	360	1961	2651
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																					
Parkersburg Station	376	2	100	1	38	6	1	16000	1	4000	\$50 00	\$430 00			\$85 00			2	40	450	850
Parkersburg Circuit and Elizabeth	273	1	61	4	11	9	5	2300	1	400								8	40	250	480
Williamstown	239	3	196	7	12		5	4500	1	1200	16 70	9 00						18	110	250	...
Murraysville	385	5	107	2	10	10	1	600										6	42	350	427
Ripley	102	6	170	3	2	3	2	1800	1	300	2 00	12 00						2	12	60	175
Harrisville	612	2	116	7	43	15	7	4400	1	1000	13 15	102 50			15 05			12	119	391	1333
Ellenboro	300	2	104	5	9	1	6	2500			20 00	40 00	10 00		5 00			3	27	125	100
Petroleum	70		90	1	24	1	1	1500	1	300	4 00	63 00						2	14	40	149
West Union	317	1	9	2	4		6	3000			5 85	12 18						5	34	216	670
Sistersville	275	4	40	3	15	1	6	3500			2 00	2 00						2	25	160	500
Middleburne	500	8	40	3	49	2	6	6000	1	400								6	57	400	756
Spencer	466	4	29	5	53	9	1	1500										5	70	425	500
Calhoun	300	3	120	2			2	400										2	20	70	140
Hartford City	252	5	15		11	8	4	4000			5 30	22 10			27 00	1 10		4	50	300	400
Point Pleasant & West Columbia	75			1	2	5	2	1500										2	20	100	300
Total	4542	46	1263	48	283	700	55	\$54100	7	\$7600	\$119 05	\$692 78	\$10 00		132 65	\$1 10		66	588	3447	6030

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPT'S.		CHURCH PROPERTY.	BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.									SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.		Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society. •	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																						
Clarksburg	136	5	25	3	6	21	1	11000			\$10 00	\$30 00	\$35		\$6 00	\$35		2	24	215	400	
West Milford	585	5	281	5	40	15	10	9100	1	300	36 88	04 46		1 30	2 65	1 30		8	80	200	300	
Weston	250	2	68	4	10	14	3	3500	1	3000	19 00	32 50			16 75			5	43	215	975	
Frenchton	470		190	10		9		6330		600		5 25						9	85	470	825	
Buckhannon Station	200	1	28	1	8	5	3	3000				16 00						2	20	150	300	
Buckhannon Circuit	350	1	50	5		6		4000			5 00	15 00						7	80	300	800	
Upshur	391	2	88	1	40	10	5	2000			4 00	6 00						7	70	205	472	
Beverly	225	2	20	3	12	7	5	2500										3	20	50	150	
Philippi	334	2	102	0	22	4	9	4300	1	700	2 11	10 00						6	55	230	600	
Pruntytown	204	1	11	2	10	6	7	0400	1	300	12 75	32 85	1 30	1 07	2 00	1 25		3	30	130	500	
Marion	265	3	48		15	8	7	7000	1	750	8 00	17 00			4 00	2 00		6	73	240	570	
Fairmont Station	145	4	6	2	14	4	1	6500	1	1200	34 10	34 25			10 00			1	10	130	300	
Bridgeport	85	1	28	2	2	3	3½	1200				3 00						2	20	60	100	
Lumberport	340	1	25	2	66	7	0	2700			3 00	10 00						4	24	185	150	
Salem	150	3	40	1	25		3	1200										3	15	110	300	
Glenville	202	3	45	4	6	1	4	1850			3 50	15 00		1 50	8 00			5	45	150	427	
Webster	76		33	2			3	100										10	75	350	600	
Braxton	257	4	75	2	9	7	3	1800			1 90	3 25						3	32	80	57	
Total	4725	40	1183	55	285	112	86½	\$74480	7	\$6850	135 24	\$262 06	\$1 65	\$3 97	\$50 40	\$4 90		81	768	3315	6851	
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																						
Morgantown Station	200	1	10	4	15	6	1	10000	1	\$ 2000	\$28 00	\$338 16	\$	\$ 2 80	100 00	\$ 5 00		1	20	175	200	
Morgantown Circuit	352	4	42	2	30	5	5	6000				7 65						6	59	382	1000	
Smithtown	246	4	70	3	13	1	4	1200			1 00	9 23						7	39	289	556	
Monongalia	075	3	21	5	10	20	9	7000	1	1000	13 00	32 50		2 25				12	120	720	1150	
Brandonville	525	5	50	2	25	30	7	7000	1	1000	15 00	20 00	0 50	1 50	1 00	3 00		9	100	450	1100	
Grantsville	202	5	83	2	1	6	5	3500	1	200		7 21						6	54	200	800	
Kingwood	470	4	73	1	34		3	4000	1	2300	35 29	42 12						13	125	560	1600	
Oakland	317	2	105	1	51	4		6500	1	2000	30 00	90 05			18 85	2 04		8	84	375	790	
Newburg	157		62		14	5	2	3500			17 15	30 00			6 94			2	15	95	200	
Evansville	400	2	158	5	30	6	7	5500	1	500	11 00	25 00						4	40	200	500	
Grafton and Fetterman	187		43	1	4	10	2	1000	1	2500	15 25	26 00		1 00	10 00	12 00		2	35	173	472	
Palatine	300	4	40	4	12	2	6	5000			6 80	17 50		5 00		4 00		7	75	300	950	
Knottsville	295	2	41	2			4	1500			4 45	6 33						6	33	144		
Blacksville	525	2	48	5	12	4	8	8000	1	900	3 75	34 05						8	45	500	1300	
St. George	180		21		7	25	4	1500				7 00						6	30	150	450	
Total	5029	38	1121	39	212	171	71	\$70800	9	\$12400	180 69	\$697 75	\$0 50	\$12 55	136 79	26 04		97	874	4773	11077	

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WHEELING DISTRICT.																					
Wheeling, Fourth Street	356	8	75	1	12	45	1	\$8000	1	\$5000	130 00	\$423 31	\$.....	\$10 00	\$30 98	\$15 00		1	38	550	1200
" North	150	2	20	1	1	9	1	6000	1	1800	30 85	61 00		2 50	7 05	4 50		2	35	340	950
" Island	100	4	56	2	17	10	1	1500	1	2500	45 00	178 94			25 25	6 25		1	19	200	700
" Zane	250	3	90	4	9	30	1	15000		42 25	55 00			7 50	9 00	3 25		1	38	220	438
" Chapline	170	2	11	2	3	21	1	6000	1	3000	46 58	150 00		3 40	3 50	3 25		1	28	200	500
South Wheeling	65	1	3	1			1	1000			57 80							1	28	213	663
Marshall	390	2	60	4	14	12	8	10000	1	400	35 00	91 00		1 45	30 00	5 00		7	77	325	1209
Moundsville	150	2	38	2	2	1	1	5000	1	800	5 27	50 00	2 38	1 45	30 00	5 00		1	30	175	400
New Martinsville	113	3	65	2	18	5	3	3500				20 00						6	50	250	700
Pine Grove	249	4	88	7	26	4	4	750				3 10						4	24	142	250
Mannington	410	5	188	7	20	10	9	5000	1	600	7 35	35 50						9	90	650	1600
Greene	163	2	81	4			4	1200			2 15							6	30	200	400
Cameron	100	3	26	1	14	1	2	3800				6 00						2	29	120	350
Grave Creek	275	2	60	1	20	13	8	6000			21 00	48 00		2 50		3 00		7	65	300	1000
Dallas	355	5	31	1	25		3	3500			12 05	35 30						3	37	200	400
Triadelphia	148	2	31	1	8	19	3	7000	1	4000	28 75	23 25		2 10	10 85	7 75		3	20	120	
Short Creek and Liberty	117	4	8			2	2	7000	1	500	5 00	40 00						2	28	100	300
Total	3567	60	931	39	189	182	53	\$162850	9	\$18600	411 25	\$1278 20	\$2 38	\$29 45	116 93	\$48 28		57	666	4395	11660
RECAPITULATION. DISTRICTS.																					
Charleston	3796	40	1700	63	197	184	28	\$24400	3	\$2400	\$19 00	\$155 75	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$49 40	\$6 25		56	360	1961	3551
Parkersburg	4542	46	1263	48	283	70	55	54100	7	7000	110 05	692 78	10 00		132 05	1 10		66	588	3447	6030
Clarksburg	4725	49	1183	55	285	112	86	74480	7	6850	135 24	262 00	1 65	3 97	50 40	4 90		81	768	5315	6851
Morgantown	5029	38	1121	39	212	171	71	70800	9	12400	180 69	697 75	50	12 55	130 79	26 04		97	874	47731	10770
Wheeling	3597	60	931	39	189	182	53	162850	9	18600	411 25	1278 20	2 38	29 45	116 93	48 28		57	666	4395	11660
Total	21659	224	6198	254	1166	719	293	386630	35	47850	865 23	3086 54	15 53	47 97	486 17	86 57		357	3256	17801	38569
Total last year	20334	171	5748	200	1336	943	280	359035	33	41190	750 93	2869 43	27 50	67 30	589 72	91 72		379	3079	18532	45559
Increase	1325	53	450	48			13	\$36595	2	\$6660	108 30	\$217 11									
Decrease					170	224							\$11 97	\$19 43	103 55	\$5 15		22	423	1731	6990

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Re- ceipts.	De- ficien- cies.	Conf. Col- lect's	Rents.
Charleston District.	G. W. Richmond, P. E.	\$1000 00	\$1000 00	\$	\$	\$200 00
do Station	E. W. Ryan	720 00	720 00			P.
do Circuit & Malden	B. Darlington	600 00	455 42	144 58	5 00	
Raymond City and Mill Creek	W. E. Loomis	500 00	209 00	291 00		
Winfield & Monticello	W. Grosse	150 00	63 23	86 77		
Buffalo	G. W. Matheny	500 00	305 56	194 44	1 00	
Mountain Cove	James Strickland, sup	400 00	250 00	150 00		
Fayette	M. G. Sayre, sup	150 00	130 00	20 00	1 00	
Summersville	Samuel F. Smith	300 00	225 00	75 00		
Elk River	L. H. Jordan	500 00	425 00	75 00		
Coal River	A. B. Smith	450 00	415 00	35 00	3 00	
Guyandotte	J. W. Sharps	500 00	200 00	300 00		40 00
Wayne	S. E. Steele	812 00	812 00			60 00
Hamlin	V. Sanford	450 00	300 00	150 00		
Boone and Logan	B. Hager	400 00	203 30	196 70	4 00	
Wyoming	J. S. Freeland	214 00	214 00		3 00	
Raleigh	M. Ownby, sup	200 00	150 00	50 00		
McDowell and Mercer	F. H. J. King	300 00	280 00	20 00	1 00	
	A. Workman sup	255 00	165 00	90 00		
Total		8401 00	6522 51	1878 49	18 00	300 00
Parkersburg District	T. H. Monroe, P. E.	\$1350 00	\$1320 00	\$ 30 00	\$	\$300 00
do Station	J. A. Kibbie	1200 00	1200 00		50 00	P.
do Circuit and Elizabeth	A. Malone	340 00	340 00			P.
Williamstown	E. L. Nicholson	600 00	600 00		16 70	P.
do	James Beatty	200 00	170 00	30 00		
Murraysville	C. H. Lakin, 6 mos	300 00	300 00			
do	Jas. McElfresh, 4 mos	200 00	170 00	30 00		
Ripley	J. P. Coleman	250 00	250 00		2 00	P.
Harrisville	A. Hall	680 00	680 00		13 25	P.
Ellenboro	J. P. Thatcher	550 00	425 00	125 00	20 00	
Petroleum	W. C. Snodgrass	450 00	409 44	40 56	4 05	
West Union	S. D. Jones	500 00	371 14	128 86	5 85	
Sistersville	J. W. W. Bolton	535 00	535 00		2 00	
Middlebourne	E. B. Blundon	524 00	500 00	24 00		
Spencer	R. R. Highleyman	425 00	379 75	45 25		
do	D. L. Stewart, sup	100 00	100 00			
Calhoun	John Trainer, sup	250 00	202 00	48 00		
Hartford City	D. H. K. Dix	800 00	602 97	197 03	5 30	75 00
Point Pleasant and West Columbia	R. Northercraft, 1/4 year	150 00	138 00	12 00		70 00
	George Monroe, sup	40 00	40 00			
	James McCabe, sup	60 00	60 00			
Total		9504 00	8798 30	710 70	119 15	445 00
Clarksburg District	S. Steele, P. E.	\$1180 00	\$1136 10	\$ 43 90	\$	\$300 00
do Station	S. W. Davis	500 00	500 00		10 00	
West Milford Circuit	S. King	600 00	600 00		36 88	P.
do do	J. Eckess	200 00	198 77	1 23		
do do	Adam Rider, sup	150 00	150 00			
Weston	M. W. Rider	344 00	298 65	45 35	18 75	
Frenchton	A. A. Reger, 6 mos	325 00	247 70	77 30		
Pruntytown	R. M. Wallace	650 00	571 77	78 23	12 75	50 00
do	W. H. Young, sup	150 00	131 95	18 05		
Philippi	W. E. Williamson, 3 mos	126 37	126 37		2 10	
do	J. A. Williams, sup. 9 m.	355 00	253 94	101 06		P.
do	C. W. Upton sup	205 00	146 27	55 73		
Buckhannon Station	H. C. Sanford	700 00	512 00	188 00		100 00
do Circuit	J. W. Reger	450 00	420 00	30 00	5 00	
Upshur do	G. Rogers	600 00	478 90	121 10	4 00	
Fairmont do	E. C. Wayman	600 00	600 00		34 10	P.
Marion do	M. Allen	600 00	550 00	50 00		P.
Lumberport do	D. S. Benedum	380 00	307 62	72 38	3 00	
Beverly	T. M. Hartley	500 00	450 00	50 00		
Salem	D. Cool	460 00	410 00	50 00		
Bridgeport	S. B. D. Prickett	450 00	335 77	114 23		20 00
Webster do	L. A. Talman					
Glenville	J. A. Williams, sup. 3 mos	87 50	45 00	42 50		
	W. W. Kelly	450 00	412 00	38 00	3 50	
Total		10412 87	9200 21	1212 66	131 98	470 00

	Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Re- ceipts.	De- ficien- cies.	Conf. Col- lect's.	Rents.
	Morgantown District	J. B. Blakeney, P. E.	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$100 00
	do Station	E. F. Pitcher	1200 00	1200 00		28 00	P.
	do Circuit	S. Hitchens	600 00	530 00	50 00	7 70	P.
\$200 00	Smithtown	Samuel Harris	350 00	350 00		1 25	
P.	Monongalia	J. J. Dolliver	700 00	664 00	36 00	13 00	P.
	do	J. A. Hunter	200 00	150 00	50 00		
	Brandonville	J. B. Feather	500 00	470 00	30 00	15 00	P.
	do	N. L. Bumgardner, sup.	100 00	95 00	5 00		
	Grantsville	E. C. Woodruff	252 00	237 13	14 87		
	do	Joseph Dewitt, sup.	100 00	85 88	14 62		
	Kingwood	M. McNeel	700 00	590 75	109 25	35 27	P.
	Oakland	J. M. Powell	885 00	885 00		30 06	P.
	Newburg & Rowles- burg	W. C. Wilson	700 00	700 00		17 15	75 00
	Evansville	L. D. Casto	640 00	640 00		11 00	P.
	Grafton & Fetterman	J. L. Clark	720 00	720 00		15 25	P.
40 00	Palatine	W. L. Hindman	600 00	527 00	73 00	6 80	50 00
60 00	Knottsville	J. W. Hess	433 00	361 00	72 00	4 45	
	Blacksville	Calvin Conner	565 00	565 00		3 75	P.
	do	John Woodruff, sup.	125 00	125 00			
	St. George	W. D. Carrico	400 00	315 10	84 90		
	Total		11170 00	10580 86	589 14	188 68	225 00
	Wheeling District	G. Martin, P. E.	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$300 00
	Fourth Street Station	W. M. Mullenix	1500 00	1500 00		130 00	P.
	North Street	T. B. Hughes	800 00	800 00		30 85	P.
P.	Island	J. W. Webb	900 00	900 00		45 00	P.
P.	Zane Street	J. P. Farmer	1250 00	1250 00		42 25	250 00
	Chapline Street	A. J. Lyda	1000 00	1000 00		46 60	P.
	South Wheeling	M. V. B. White					
	do	Dr. D. J. McGinnis	700 00	700 00			150 00
	Marshall Circuit	R. A. Arthur, 6 mos.	400 00	400 00			
P.	do	C. H. Conway, 4 mos.	300 00	270 00		35 00	
P.	do	J. J. Gridley, 1½ mos.	40 00	40 00			
	Moundsville	Benjamin Ison	800 00	701 00	99 00	5 25	200 00
	New Martinsville	G. W. Miller	300 00	300 00			
	do	G. W. Glendening, sup.	300 00	100 00	200 00		
	Pine Grove Circuit	A. T. George, sup.	325 00	250 00	75 00		
	Mannington	T. H. Trainer	600 00	600 00		7 35	P.
	Greene	A. Davis, sup. 3 mos.	75 00	40 00	35 00	2 15	
	do	Bartlebaugh, sup.	75 00	30 00	45 00		
75 00	Cameron	F. M. Hughes					
70 00	Grave Creek	W. F. Cannon	630 00	630 00		21 00	
	do	J. F. McCartney, sup.	150 00	150 00			
	Dallas	M. Dowler	500 00	450 00	50 00	12 15	
	Triadelphia	F. Ball	700 00	700 00		28 75	P.
	Short Creek & Liberty	J. M. Warden	700 00	700 00		5 00	P.
	Total		13245 00	12711 00	534 00	411 35	900 00

RECAPITULATION.

	DISTRICTS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIEN- CIES.	CONF. COL- LECTIONS.	RENTS.
	Charleston	\$ 8401 00	\$ 6522 51	\$ 1878 49	\$ 18 00	\$ 300 00
	Parkersburg	9504 00	8793 30	710 70	119 15	445 00
100 00	Clarksburg	10412 87	9200 21	1212 66	131 98	470 00
	Morgantown	11170 00	10580 86	589 14	188 68	225 00
P.	Wheeling	13245 00	12711 00	534 00	411 35	900 00
P.	Total	\$52732 87	\$47807 88	\$4924 99	\$869 16	\$2340 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. BALL, *Chairman.*E. J. STONE, *Sec'y.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Benevolent Contributions.

For the support of Missions.....	\$3,204 78
“ “ Sunday School Union	86 57
“ “ American Bible Society	486 17
“ “ Tract Cause	47 97
“ “ Church Extension Society	50 30
“ “ Freedmen's Aid Society	51 70
Total.....	\$3,927 49

Report of the Committee on Memoirs.

REV. PHILIP GREEN was born in the town of Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island, July 17th, 1789. He was the tenth child of John and Mary Green. When five years old he emigrated with his father from Rhode Island to the North Western Territory, and settled at what is now called Belpre, where he remained two years. He afterwards removed seventeen miles up the Ohio river to a place now called Newport, in Washington County, Ohio, where some of his relatives yet live. In that early day an Indian war was on hand, and there were scarcely any literary advantages to be had. The land was heavily timbered, and farms had to be made in the forest—the country had to be defended, and family wants had to be supplied by dint of industry and care. Under such circumstances the venerable Father Green, late of the West Virginia Annual Conference, received his education. God knew the toils and labors our Fathers would have to endure in cultivating Immanuel's fields, and wisely called men inured to hardships, to do the work. Father Green was a wild boy, fond of fun, and readily shook off his convictions, and the effect of the pious instructions he received from his friends, until affliction and the death of near friends aroused his slumbering fears. When brought to a full sense of his lost condition, that energy of character shown in after life began to develop itself; so that when he resolved to change his way of living he immediately informed his mother and friends of his determination, and at once sought a home in the M. E. Church. He joined as a probationer, near Newport, on the Virginia side of the river, June 18th, 1813, and on July 16th, of the same year, he was converted to God, at a

camp-meeting near Parkersburg. Now that he enjoyed religion himself, he began the work of an Itinerant, by giving out appointments, and reading, singing, praying with, and exhorting the people.

In those days there was no preaching on the Ohio side of the river; but much wickedness, nursed by the teaching of Hosea Ballou, and the works circulated by Winchester and taught by a Mr. Sargent, with a zeal and energy worthy of a better cause. The labors of young Green were owned and blessed of God in the awakening of many souls, so that on the 26th of July, 1814, R. C. Hatten gave him license to exhort; and in June, 1816, David Young gave him license to preach, which license he faithfully used for one year, and then, in 1817, entered the traveling connection, and continued forty-four years as an Itinerant, doing the work of an Evangelist.

Father Green's talents were of the solid and useful kind, rather than the ornamental. His speech was plain and to the point, and his arguments were Biblical. He read much, but his books in early life were the Bible, Hymn Book, Discipline and Wesley's Sermons; afterwards, Watson's Institutes, Slackhouse's Divinity, Prideau's and Shuckford's Connections.

The ground he traveled over extended from the headwaters of the Kanawha and Monongahela rivers to Lake Erie; and from the headwaters of the Muskingum and its tributaries to the Alleghany Mountains—a territory now embraced in the Ohio, Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences. His circuits were large, often from three to four hundred miles around them, with from 20 to 30 preaching places to be visited in four weeks; often no roads but paths, with marks cut on trees for a guide; log cabins for a home; coarse fare, and from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars of a salary for himself and family. Many deep and rapid streams were to cross, without bridges or ferries. One day with his family, was often all that he could spare from his work in each round. No storms, either from the clouds, or from men or devils, could change his mind or stop him in his course. He had declared war against sin, and with it he made no compromise in high or low places. He was a man of kind feelings and warm heart. He loved his friends and the Church more than life; and now that he is gone, his work lives, and his example is a standing rebuke to every time-serving and ease-loving Methodist Preacher. I have known him long and well, and I think it would be hard to prove that he ever asked for any particular appointment, or for easy work. He always took his appointment as from God, went to it as an obedient son in the Gospel, and worked to the best of his ability, and God owned him and blessed his labors; and though poor, he never wanted. As he neared the

port, he was looking out for the land of rest; when he had lived four score years, with a trembling hand he wrote this, the last sentence he ever penned: "Those who sleep in Jesus, God will bring with him when he comes." He saw the end approaching, and realized that the sun can in smiles decline, and bring a pleasing night.

On January 24th, 1870, near Lumberport, in Harrison County, West Virginia, Philip Green, in the full possession of all his mental powers, in a green old age, saw the end of his toils, and bade adieu to earth; his soul went home to God, and his body returned to dust as it was.

"Servant of God, well done,
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

MOSES TITCHENEL, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Education.

There have been referred, by Conference, to this Committee, for report—

I.

A circular from C. C. North, Corresponding Secretary of "The Board of Education of the M. E. Church." We hail with joy the appearance of this able paper, and trust it is only the first of a great many yet to be received from the same excellent source.

The Board of Education is one of the results of the celebration of the Centenary of American Methodism. It was, after careful deliberation, organized by our last General Conference. Its object, among other things, is to diffuse more generally the blessings of education and Christianity; to receive and invest the principal of the Centenary Educational Fund, and to appropriate the interest to aid young men preparing for foreign missionary work, and for the ministry of the Church; to aid Biblical schools, colleges and academies; to aid needy and worthy young persons seeking an education; to care for specific educational funds and for the Sunday School Children's Fund commenced during the Centenary year, and appropriate the interest to assist meritorious Sunday School scholars in obtaining a more advanced education. Funds already amounting to \$84,000 are reported as in the hands of the Board.

It gives us pleasure to say that by act of this Conference at its session in 1852, now eighteen years ago, there was secured from the Legislature in Richmond the incorporation of the Educational Society of Western Virginia, for the same general objects, in our own bounds.

A certified copy of the Act passed May 27, 1852, may be found beginning on page 17 of our last Annual Minutes.

The funds in the hands of the Treasurer, Hon. Nathan Goff, were reported as amounting to \$2,400.

We recommend to the Conference :

1st. That our Conference Educational Society be instructed to increase the Board so that there shall be on it at least one layman and one preacher from each Presiding Elder's district in our bounds, and that they at their discretion co-operate with, or become auxiliary to, the Board at New York.

2d. That we will carry out the resolution of the General Conference which designates the second Sunday in June as the "Children's Day," on which a collection shall be taken up in all our Circuits and Stations for educational purposes, and the proceeds be forwarded to the Treasurer, Bro. Nathan Goff, at Clarksburg.

3d. That we will, on the above occasion, lay before our people generally, and more particularly the youth of our charges, the importance of higher mental culture, and invoke donations from the living and bequests from the dying for this cause, and especially to aid in the education of fervent, laborious and self-denying men who have in view the preaching of salvation to our dying race.

4th. That in view of the increasing and pressing demands of the age for the best training as well as for devotion in the Ministry, and of the fact that many of the purest, most disinterested and efficient laborers in other Churches have been thus aided, we recommend that the interest accruing from the funds in the hands of Bro. Goff be loaned, without interest, to young men of limited means, who in this respect are trying to qualify themselves for admission into our Conference.

5th. That we accede to the judgment of the Board at New York, that no distribution of the funds in their hands shall be made until they reach the sum of \$100,000.

II.

In regard to the North Western Virginia Academy, we have only to say that the *status* is as reported in our minutes of last year. In order to terminate this anomalous state of things—

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend to the Trustees to take into consideration the propriety of either securing a Principal and continuing the institution in its former functions and relations, or selling the Academy and grounds to the School Commissioners of Clarksburg.

2d. That in case they deem expedient, the proceeds shall be placed in the hands of Bro. N. Goff, as Treasurer of the Educational Fund, to be by him invested, and the interest hereafter exclusively applied to the education of the sons and daughters of the Ministers of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

3d. That Bros. Walter Ebbert, Nathan Goff, Moses Titchenel, Andrew J. Lyda, Samuel Steele and Alex. Martin be a committee to bring the above action before the Board.

III.

WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee have had referred to them a lengthy communication from Rev. Wm. H. Morton, A. M., President of the Wheeling Female College. This institution, since it has been formally brought under the notice of our Conference, has been doing a good work in its special department of education. We believe it is now more than ever entitled to our confidence, and the patronage of our people.

Resolved, 1st. That we gladly welcome Bro. Morton as a transfer to our Conference, and as a fellow-laborer in the ranks of education among us.

2d. That we will recommend the Wheeling Female College to the patronage and support of our members and friends, believing that it possesses rare facilities and advantages as a school for young women.

IV.

ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

In regard to this institution, we regret to say that no report has reached us during the present session of our Conference. We believe, however, the condition and circumstances of the College do not differ materially from what they have been in recent years.

It is understood that the Chamberlin Will case has not yet been decided by the Superior Court; that acting President Hamnett, in the absence of Dr. Loomis through protracted illness, is doing exceedingly well as an executive officer, and that the Erie Conference at its last session recommended the admission of ladies to the regular College classes.

We recommend, on the part of this Conference—

1st. For the Board of Control—H. K. List, B. F. Martin, A. G. Lyda and Alex. Martin.

2d. As a Visiting Committee—J. J. Brown, T. H. Logan and T. H. Monroe.

V.

THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

In common with the people of our State, we cherish a deep interest in the growing success of this institution.

For the limited time which has passed since it was founded, it has been blessed with an extraordinary prosperity; under the management of an accomplished President and an excellent corps of Professors, it is destined to still greater success. The Faculty is composed of eleven gentlemen who are admirably qualified for their respective departments. The institution merits our liberal patronage, and the Committee recommend that the brethren use their influence in their different fields of labor to send young men to the University.

W. M. MULLENIX, *Chairman*.

Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee report: All Missionary money in the hands of the Presiding Elders for their several charges in their Districts, has been properly paid over.

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman.*

Sunday School Report.

Your Committee submit the following report:

We are sorry to find that during the year there has been a decrease in the number of schools, scholars, volumes in library, conversions, and a slight decrease in the amount raised for the Sunday School Union. This decrease, however, may be more apparent than real, as some of the Preachers have made no reports, and some of the reports made are not full. In view of the foregoing facts, and regarding the Sunday School as an instrumentality well adapted to save our children and youth from sin and error and bring them to Christ,—Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we will give increased attention to our Sunday School work.

2d. That Preachers in charge and Sunday School Committees be requested to see that no books be introduced into our schools which either ignore or oppose our peculiar doctrines and usages, and that in purchasing books they patronize our own publishing houses in preference to others.

3d. That the Preachers be requested to form Bible Classes in their several charges for the especial benefit of the teachers and advanced scholars.

4th. That we will take up a collection in each of our charges for the Sunday School Union, and urge our people to give liberally to this noble object.

J. M. POWELL, *Chairman.*

B. ISON, *Secretary.*

On Temperance.

Believing that intemperance brings upon its victims many destructive consequences, both in time and in eternity—Therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to use all proper means for the promotion of the cause of Temperance.

W. L. HINDMAN, *Chairman.*

On Periodicals.

Your Committee have had the subject under consideration, and are gratified to learn that the receipts of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, during the past year, have been \$2101.75 more than its

expenditures; and that one thousand have been added to the list of subscribers. We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* as an able, judicious and useful religious journal, and recommend it to the patronage of our people; and that we will try to widen its field of usefulness.

2d. That we welcome the publication of the *Golden Hours*, and the improvement of the *Ladies' Repository*, as supplying a felt want of the Church, and that we will labor to extend their circulation.

3d. That we still look with pride to the *Methodist Quarterly Review*, and earnestly recommend it to the intelligence of our Preachers and people.

JOS. B. FEATHER, *Chairman*.

On Tract Cause.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Tract cause, respectfully beg leave to report an evident decline in the zeal of the brethren with reference to this enterprise, the returns made at this Conference having fallen greatly below those made at former sessions. And in view of this fact, we would urge the Conference to renewed exertions in support of this good cause. The amounts received and reported to us aggregate \$48.15, \$46.65 of which we have now on hand.

Respectfully submitted,

M. McNEEL, *Chairman*.

On Bible Cause.

The Committee on the Bible cause present the following report:

WHEREAS, the Bible is the foundation of all true morality and religion, and its universal diffusion is essential to the triumph of Christianity; and whereas, the American Bible Society has for its object the placing of a copy of the Scriptures in the hands of every human being above the years of childhood, so translated that all may read the Word of God in their mother tongue,

Resolved, That we rejoice in the unparalleled prosperity which has attended this Society during the past year; that we hereby express our full sympathy with its object, and our abiding confidence in its management; and that we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to promote its interests.

Resolved, Further, that we highly commend the untiring diligence with which our State Agent, Rev. J. L. Irwin, has performed his arduous duties, and we trust it will be the pleasure of the Bishop to reappoint him to that position.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. HUGHES, *Chairman*.

On the Sabbath.

The Committee on the observance of the Sabbath submit the following report:

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is the word of God. Our Discipline forbids "the profaning the day of the Lord, either by doing ordinary work therein or by buying or selling." And it requires us, as ministers, to preach expressly against Sabbath breaking.

The Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest, a day of meditation, a day on which to worship Almighty God. Yet it is lamentably true that this law of the highest authority is violated by Sabbath visiting, traveling, &c.

The heaviest judgments and curses threatened and executed against the Jews, were for Sabbath breaking.

Therefore we, as a Conference, renew our vows and determinations to put down this sin to the extent of our ability, both by precept and example.

J. J. DOLLIVER,
J. A. WILLIAMS, } Committee.
J. W. WEBB,

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions apportion the amount of Missionary money to be raised this year, upon the Districts, as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$1000	Parkersburg District.....	\$1000
Wheeling ".....	1500	Charleston ".....	500
Clarksburg ".....	800	Guyandotte ".....	300
		\$5,100	

Resolved, That the Preachers in charge be earnestly requested to raise the amount apportioned to their charges, by carrying out the Disciplinary plan.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.

S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

On Church Extension.

The Committee on Church Extension present the following amounts to be raised:

Morgantown District.....	\$200	Parkersburg District.....	\$200
Wheeling ".....	250	Charleston ".....	100
Clarksburg ".....	200	Guyandotte ".....	50
		\$1,000	

Resolved, That when these sums are apportioned among the various charges, the Preachers are earnestly requested to use their utmost diligence to raise the same.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., March 13th, 1870.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.

S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

Church Extension---Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of the Church Extension Society makes the following report of funds received by him :

<i>Morgantown District,</i>	Brandonville Circuit.....	\$ 0 50
<i>Wheeling</i>	“ Chapline Street.....	\$25 00
“	“ North “.....	3 50
“	“ Moundsville.....	2 35
		30 85
<i>Clarksburg</i>	“ West Milford.....	2 40
“	“ Pruntytown.....	1 30
		3 70
<i>Parkersburg</i>	“ Ellenboro.....	10 00
“	“ Harrisville.....	3 00
“	“ Hartford City.....	1 25
		14 25
<i>Charleston</i>	“ Elk River.....	1 00
		\$50 30

Total amount in hands.....\$50 30

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. STEELE.

Bequests and Devises to the Church Extension Society.

Persons disposed to make bequests to the Society by Will, are requested to observe the following form :

I give and bequeath to the “Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

FORM OF A DEVISE OF LAND TO SAID SOCIETY.

I give and devise to “The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,” incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the following land and premises, that is to say :

to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever.

Brethren in the ministry, and laity also, are requested to inquire promptly and carefully into the facts of any Will which they may hear contains a bequest to the Church Extension Society, and send us as early as practicable a transcript of such Will or whatever information they may obtain touching the same.

Subscriptions and donations for the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, may be sent to the Treasurer at Philadelphia, or paid to the Presiding Elder of the district, or the Preacher, in the Circuit or Station to which the contributor belongs.

Freedmen's Aid Society.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Freedmen's Aid Society, begs leave to report the moneys received and in hands, as follows:

<i>Morgantown District,</i>	Brandonville.....	\$3 00
<i>Wheeling</i>	Chapline Street	\$5 00
"	Zane Street*.....	36 00
		41 00
	North Street	5 25
<i>Clarksburg</i>	Pruntytown	1 85
"	West Milford.....	60
		2 45
	Total.....	\$51 70

* The above item of \$41 is in the hands of the Agent of the Society, as will appear by receipt of A. D. Morton for \$36, and the statement of A. J. Lyda as to the \$5.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. STEELE.

On L. Parke's Case.

The Committee in the case of brother Levi Parke, would make the following report:

WHEREAS, Bro. Parke may have been injudicious in the management of his temporal affairs, yet the evidence before us fails to sustain the charge of dishonesty and falsehood; and we therefore recommend that his character pass.

MOSES TITCHENEL, *Chairman.*

J. W. WEBB, T. B. HUGHES, D. H. K. DIX,
S. E. STEELE, H. C. SANFORD, J. W. W. BOLTON, F. BALL,
T. H. TRAINER, R. M. WALLACE, E. C. WAYMAN, S. D. JONES.

Resolutions.

THANKS.

Resolved, By the West Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church,
1st. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the citizens of Charleston, for their very hospitable and friendly entertainment of this Conference at its 23d Annual Session, and assure them that we earnestly reciprocate their kindness, and hope that the Capital of the State may become as famous for its piety as it has long been for its general culture and generous hospitality.

2d. That we tender our thanks to the officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and officers of the Steamboats on the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, for their kindness in reducing the fare in coming to and returning from Conference.

3d. That we tender our acknowledgments to the Churches of this place, for inviting the members of this body to occupy their pulpits on the Sabbath.

4th. That we tender a copy of these resolutions to the papers of this place, for publication.

A. J. LYDA,
J. L. IRWIN.

Conference Sermon.

Resolved, That Bro. J. W. W. Bolton be appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at our next Session, and that Bro. T. B. Hughes be the Alternate.

On the Book Concern.

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the goodness of God in leading to the establishment of the Methodist Book Concern, and in its wonderful enlargement, as an aid in spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

2d. That the facts are not sufficiently before us to justify any expression of opinion on our part, as a Conference, as to the late rumors and charges in regard to some matters, in its internal management, but express our confidence that the result will be for good, in increased carefulness in all its interests, and that we shall labor more than ever in the circulation of its publications.

J. J. DOLLIVER,
ALEX. MARTIN.

Bishop Morris.

WHEREAS, the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is now holding its 23d Annual Session in Charleston, the Capital of West Virginia, and within a short distance of the spot where our venerable Senior Bishop, Rev. Thomas A. Morris, D. D., was born; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That it is proper we should send to Bishop Morris, from this place, the Christian salutations of his brothers and sons in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus, with the assurance that notwithstanding many obstacles, the hills and valleys of his native State are becoming increasingly vocal with the songs of salvation, and radiant with the beauty of holiness.

2d. That we bless God, on behalf of Father Morris, that in his early years he was brought to a knowledge of the truth and to faith in Christ, and for that grace which has sustained him and enabled him to guide and bless the Church, amid the many and arduous labors of his long and eventful life, and which still continues him to us, an example of earnest, cheerful and primitive apostolical Christianity.

3d. That we pray God may long spare him to witness, and by his counsels and prayers to contribute to still greater triumphs of mercy among men, and that when the time of his departure arrives, it may be with the sweet assurance that he goes to join the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.

4th. That we dedicate ourselves afresh to the great work in which our aged and beloved Bishop has so long and so successfully labored, assured that if we partake of the toils, we also, through the riches of grace, shall be allowed to share with him in the triumphs of the Gospel.

5th. That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference, be sent to Bishop Morris, and also to the *Western* and *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, for publication.

MOSES TITCHENEL,
ALEX. MARTIN.

On R. L. Brooks.

Resolved, That this Conference learns, with regret, of the continued affliction of our beloved brother R. L. Brooks, and express our heartfelt sympathy with him in his affliction, and pray that, if consistent with the Divine will, his valuable life may be spared for many years.

J. W. WEBB,
S. STEELE,
D. H. K. DIX.

J. B. Blakeney.

WHEREAS, Rev. James Boyd Blakeney has been located at his own request, in expectation of resuming his labors elsewhere; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That from the beginning of his connection with our Conference, Bro. Blakeney has deserved and secured the highest esteem, confidence and love of his brethren in the ministry.

2d. That we part with Bro. Blakeney with inexpressible regret, and commend him as one of the most efficient, honored and beloved ministers of our Church, to our friends and members, wherever, in the Providence of God, his lot may be hereafter cast.

3d. That should Bro. Blakeney yet conclude to remain with us, or hereafter return to our bounds, we will gladly receive him with open arms.

W. L. HINDMAN,
G. MARTIN.

Vote on Lay Delegation.

Lay Vote—For, 2,353; Against, 2,400.

Majority against Lay Delegation,.....47

Ministerial—Number of votes cast, 60: For, 38; Against, 22.

Majority for change,16

Next Conference.

QUESTION. Where shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER. At Parkersburg.

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to Bishop Thomson, for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided at this session of our Conference, and for the evangelical excellence of his pulpit ministrations, by which our hearts have warmed anew into a holy fervor for the cause of Christ.

Bishop Thomson.

The Preachers' meeting of Wheeling, at a session held March 23d, made a minute of the death of Bishop Thomson, which occurred in that city on March 22d, and adopted the following

action, reported by Revs. G. Martin, B. Ison and F. Ball, as committee:

WHEREAS, by a wise but inscrutable Providence our beloved Bishop Thomson has been very suddenly removed from us:

Resolved, 1st. That it is with melancholy pleasure that we recall the able yet genial manner in which he presided over the deliberations of our Conference at its recent session in Charleston, West Virginia, and the very eloquent and profound discourse which he delivered before the Conference on Sunday morning, in which he more than sustained his reputation as an able and Evangelical Minister—his theme being "Christ and Him crucified," and founded upon 1st Cor., 2d chap., 1st and 2d verses; and also the address to the young men about to be ordained Deacons, in which he seemed carried away with his subject, describing with a master's hand the duties, privileges, responsibilities, and reward of the faithful Christian Minister.

2d. That in his social intercourse with us at the Conference, and *en route* to and from Conference, by his sweet spirit and instructive and entertaining conversation, he drew all our hearts to him as by cords of love.

3d. That as ministers of the Gospel, having just received our appointments at his hands, we will endeavor to follow him as he followed Christ, that our last end may be like his. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

4th. That the Methodist Episcopal Church has lost one of her greatest lights, the country a scholar of rare attainments and capacity, and society a courteous and kindly Christian gentleman.

5th. That we tender our sincere, Christian sympathies to the bereaved relatives, especially the deeply afflicted widow and children, and commend them to "the God of consolation," "who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

FINANCIAL PLAN,

AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MARCH 19th, 1863.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preacher or Preachers in each Circuit or Station, shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel,

traveling and moving expenses and support for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the Circuit or Station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the leader and steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the Circuit or Station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Stewards to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each leader, or class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder in every Quarterly Conference of his District, to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any; to inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that District or Circuit or Station, or the Preacher in charge, to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at every Quarterly Meeting to make a report of all the members present, of the state of the finances of the Circuit or Station, stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the Quarterly Meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his District, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required, at the first Quarterly Meeting of this year in each Circuit or Station, to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the Estimating Committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last Quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards and Estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate from each Presiding Elder's District, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election, as heretofore; the latter by a majority of votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the District Stewards. Each Lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of Finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of deceased Preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different Districts, according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the District Steward's Meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his District, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the Circuits and Stations of the District, according to their several ability; but if in any District, no District Steward's Meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that District and any two Preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each Preacher in charge to collect, if possible, in such manner as the Quarterly Conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

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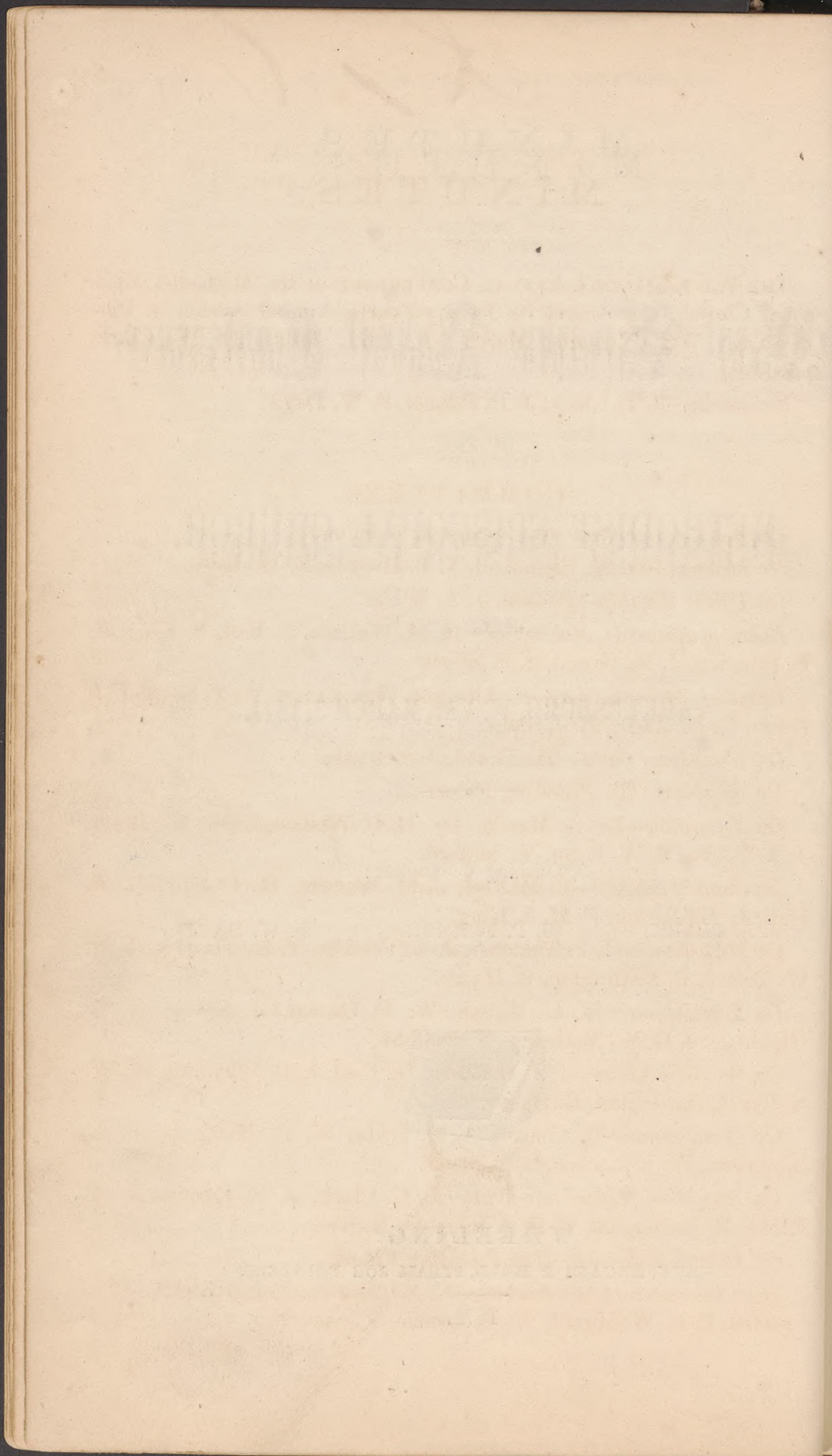
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MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-Fourth Annual Session in Parkersburg, West Virginia, March 9th, 1871, Bishop D. W. Clark, presiding.

Secretaries—J. L. Clark, J. P. Farmer, S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES.

The usual committees were appointed as follows:

On Memoirs—G. W. Richmond, T. B. Hughes, E. W. Ryan.

On Public Worship—B. Ison, J. A. Kibbe.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—R. M. Wallace, F. Ball, S. King, E. B. Blundon, J. M. Powell, S. E. Steele.

Board of Stewards, Lay—S. Albright, Wm. Exley, W. F. Scott, J. J. Ritter, L. D. Hager, E. J. Stone.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—Dr. A. Martin, Dr. H. C. Westwood, M. W. Rider, J. A. Kibbe, E. W. Ryan, V. Sanford.

On Sunday Schools—M. McNeel, J. M. Warden, H. C. Sanford, A. Hall, L. H. Jordon, F. H. J. King.

On Periodicals—J. P. Thatcher, J. B. Feather, T. M. Hartley, J. W. W. Bolton, B. Darlington, B. Hager.

On Tract Cause—W. C. Wilson, W. F. Cannan, J. Eckess, R. R. Highleyman, G. W. Metheney, V. Sanford.

On the Bible Cause—J. J. Dolliver, D. Cool, E. C. Wayman, W. W. Kelly, B. Darlington, B. Hager.

On Temperance—C. Conner, A. J. Lyda, W. L. Hindman, E. L. Nicholson, W. E. Loomis, S. E. Steele.

On Presiding Elders' Accounts—J. L. Clark, J. P. Farmer, J. A. Kibbe, B. Darlington, F. H. J. King, G. Rogers.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Observance of the Sabbath—E. S. Wilson, R. Northcraft, J. L. Sanford, R. L. Woodyard, W. E. Loomis, V. Sanford.

On Publication of the Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Funds for Minutes—Wm. M. Mullenix, H. C. Westwood, S. B. D. Prickett, E. L. Nicholson, E. W. Ryan, S. E. Steele.

On Post Offices and Local Preachers—L. D. Casto.

Freedman's Aid Society—M. W. Rider.

To Report on a State Camp Meeting—J. L. Clark, F. Ball, E. C. Wayman, W. C. Snodgrass, B. Darlington, S. E. Steele.

Committee on Statistics—The Secretaries.

On the Alexander Bequest—G. Martin.

Executive Committee for State Camp Meeting—J. L. Clark, F. Ball, E. C. Wayman, E. B. Blundon, J. A. Kibbe, V. Sanford, G. Martin.

On Centenary Funds in the Hands of Pittsburgh Conference—G. Martin, J. L. Clark, B. Ison.

On the Board of Education—Walter Ebbert, E. C. Wayman, Edward Smith, S. E. Steele, C. F. Scott, B. Ison, Jacob Bird, G. W. Richmond, T. H. Logan, H. C. Westwood, J. J. Brown, Alex. Martin.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Board of Control—H. K. List, B. F. Martin, A. J. Lyda, A. Martin.

Visiting Committee—J. L. Clark, H. C. Westwood, T. H. Logan.

WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

Visiting Committee—G. Martin, J. L. Clark, F. Ball, A. Hall, H. C. Westwood, C. F. Scott, S. Wood.

Committees of Examination for 1871-2.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year—E. L. Nicholson, V. Sanford, W. C. Wilson.

Second Year—E. W. Ryan, T. M. Hartley, E. B. Blundon.

Third Year—J. B. Feather, S. King, T. B. Hughes.

Fourth Year—S. E. Steele, A. Hall, F. Ball.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS.

Deacons—S. B. D. Prickett, W. L. Hindman,

Elders—J. M. Warden, W. W. Kelley.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—H. C. Westwood.

Alternate—G. W. Richmond.

To Preach Conference Sermon—W. M. Mullenix.

Alternate—J. P. Farmer.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question I.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Francis B. Hornbrook, John A. H. Wilson, Gustavus C. Shaefer, Frederic W. Wood, D. D., Jesse F. Snodgrass, Asbury Mick, W. E. Rippey, John D. Woods, Charles E. Manchester, Isaac N. Rhodes, W. W. Harper, Thos. F. Faulkner, Addison G. Sayre.

Q. II.—Who remain on trial?

A.—N. L. Baumgardner, Wm. H. Young, Jas. B. Beatty, N. G. Beckley, G. W. McClelland, L. L. Stewart, J. T. McCartney, C. J. Trippett, Jas. W. Griffiths.

Q. III.—Who are admitted into full connection?

A.—M. Dowler, J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, E. C. Woodruff, Wm. J. Sharp, J. W. Hess, F. M. Hughes, L. A. Tallman, W. D. Carrico.

Q. IV.—Who are the Deacons?

A.—First year—J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, E. C. Woodruff, Wm. J. Sharp, J. W. Hess, F. M. Hughes, L. A. Tallman, W. D. Carrico. Second year—J. M. Eckess, W. C. Snodgrass, W. E. Loomis. Local Deacons—J. H. Gibson, D. R. Poling, E. Radabaugh, M. G. Sayre.

Q. V.—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

A.—Traveling—R. R. Highleyman, S. B. D. Prickett, John Conwell, C. H. Conway, J. P. Farmer. Local—J. F. Snodgrass, J. T. Hickman, W. W. Harper.

Q. VI.—Who have located this year?

A.—W. R. Howe.

Q. VII.—Who are the supernumerary preachers?

A.—M. Titchenel, A. J. Lyon, J. B. Pinchen, W. H. Shaw, E. Ford, A. B. Rohrbaugh, M. W. Rider, J. A. Williams.

Q. VIII.—Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

A.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, G. Monroe, B. F. Rogers, J. L. Sanford, R. W. White.

Q. IX.—Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

A.—None.

Q. X.—Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

A.—None.

Q. XI.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

A.—Their names were called over before the Conference.

Q. XII.—Who have died this year?

A.—A. B. Smith. See memoir.

Q. XIII.—What is the number of church members?

A. Members,	- - - - -	22,965
Probationers,	- - - - -	5,117
Local Preachers,	- - - - -	250
Total,	- - - - -	28,332

Q. XIV.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

A.—\$7,957 88.

Q. XV. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

A. From circuits and stations,	- - - - -	\$805 00
Chartered Fund,	- - - - -	30 00
Interest on money in hands of Bro. Steele,	- - - - -	6 50
Total,	- - - - -	\$841 77

Which has been applied as follows :

Rev. R. L. Brooks,	- \$130 00	Rev. John Trainer,	- \$ 15 00
" A. Dixon,	- - 100 00	" W. W. Kelley,	- 15 00
" F. Guthrie,	- - 145 00	" W. J. Sharps,	- 25 00
Widow Smith,	- - 79 77	" A. Workman,	- 10 00
" Warman,	- - 100 00	" V. Sanford,	- 10 00
" Battelle,	- - 15 00	" J. Conner,	- 25 00
" Burns,	- - 15 00	" G. W. Metheney,	15 00
Children of Bro. Vandervort,	27 00	" L. A. Tallman,	- 10 00
Rev. F. H. J. King,	- 40 00	" J. B. Beatty,	- 10 00
" B. Darlington,	- 20 00	Total,	- - \$841 77
" N. C. Beckley,	- 20 00		
" S. D. Jones,	- - 15 00		

Fifteen dollars was appropriated to Rev. E. L. Nicholson, but it was transferred by him to F. Guthrie.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. M. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

E. J. STONE, *Secretary.*

Q. XVI.—What has been contributed for benevolent objects this year?

A.—For the support of missions from circuits and stations,

	- - - - -	\$3,099 98
Anniversary meeting,	- - - - -	107 14—\$3,207 12
Sunday School Union,	- - - - -	102 11
American Bible Society,	- - - - -	374 18
Tract Society,	- - - - -	97 49
Church Extension Society,	- - - - -	69 85

Total for benevolent objects, - - - - - \$3,850 75

Q. XVII.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

A.—At Fourth Street, Wheeling. Time not given.

Q. XVIII. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>			
Morgantown District.	J. Wesley Webb, P. E.,	Morgantown,	Monongalia Co.,	W. Va.	
"	Station..Wm. M. Mullenix.....	"	"	"	"
"	Circuit..J. J. Dolliver.....	"	"	"	"
	One to be supplied... }	"	"	"	"
Smithton.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....				
Monongalia.....	J. M. Warden.....	} Granville,	"	"	"
	C. J. Trippett.....				
Brandonville.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	} Brandonville,	Preston	"	"
	T. F. Faulkner.....				
Grantsville.....	W. J. Sharps.....	Grantsville,	Alleghany	"	Md.
Kingwood.....	M. McNeel.....	Kingwood,	Preston	"	W. Va.
Oakland.....	R. M. Wallace.....	} Oakland,	Alleghany	"	Md.
	F. B. Hornbrook....				
Newburg.....	W. C. Wilson.....	Rowlesburg,	Preston	"	W. Va.
Evansville.....	L. D. Casto.....	} Evansville,	Taylor	"	"
	Jas. McElfresh, sup'ly				
Grafton.....	J. L. Clark.....	Grafton,	"	"	"
Knottsville & Fetter-	E. S. Wilson.....	} Knottsville,	"	"	"
man.....	N. L. Baumgardner..				
Palatine.....	W. D. Carrico.....	Palatine,	Marion	"	"
Blacksville.....	L. A. Tallman.....	Jollytown,	Greene	"	Pa.
Jollytown.....	G. W. Metheney.....	"	"	"	"
Wheeling Creek					
Mission.....	To be supplied.....				
St. George.....	J. W. Hess.....	St. George,	Tucker	"	W. Va.
A. Martin, D. D., President West Va. University, member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.					
F. W. Wood, D. D., Professor of Ancient and Modern Languages, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.					

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>			
Wheeling District.....	G. Martin, P. E.....	Wheeling,	Ohio	Co.,	W. Va.
"	Fourth St...H. C. Westwood.....	"	"	"	"
"	North St...T. B. Hughes.....	"	"	"	"
"	Island.....S. W. Davis.....	"	"	"	"
"	Zane St...J. P. Farmer.....	"	"	"	"
"	Chapline St.E. W. Ryan.....	"	"	"	"
"	Fifth St...J. T. McCartney.....	"	"	"	"
Marshall.....	J. B. Feather.....	} Moundsville,	Marshall	"	"
	L. L. Stewart.....				
Moundsville.....	A. Hall.....	"	"	"	"
New Martinsville.....	C. H. Conway.....	} N. Martinsville,	Wetzel	"	"
	G. W. Parrott, supply				
Pine Grove.....	D. S. Benedum.....	Pine Grove,	Marion	"	"
Mannington.....	W. F. Cannon.....	Mannington,	"	"	"
Greene.....	G. W. McClelland.....	Bellton,	Marshall	"	"
Cameron.....	M. Dowler.....	Cameron,	"	"	"
Grave Creek.....	R. Northcraft.....	} Moundsville,	"	"	"
	J. A. H. Wilson....				
Dallas.....	D. Cool.....	Dallas,	"	"	"
Triadelphia.....	F. Ball.....	Triadelphia,	Ohio	"	"
Short Creek & Liberty..	L. H. Jordan.....	West Liberty,	"	"	"
Benwood.....	T. H. Trainer.....	Benwood,	Marshall	"	"
W. H. Morton, A. M., President of Wheeling Female College, and member of Fourth Street Quarterly Conference.					

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Clarksburg District...	S. Steele, P. E.,.....	Weston, Lewis Co., W. Va.
Clarksburg.....	E. C. Wayman.....	Clarksburg, Harrison " "
West Milford.....	S. King.....	} West Milford, " " "
	J. D. Wood.....	
	A. Mick.....	
Freemansburg	Wm. E. Loveatt, supply.	
Weston.....	F. M. Hughes.....	Weston, Lewis " "
Frenchton.....	G. Rogers.....	Centreville, Upshur " "
Pruntytown.....	W. L. Hindman.....	} Pruntytown, Taylor " "
	J. Hugins, supply.....	
Phillippi.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	Phillippi, Barbour " "
Buckhannon.....	H. C. Sanford.....	Buckhannon, Upshur " "
"	Circuit... J. Conwell.....	" " " "
Upshur.....	J. W. Reger.....	" " " "
Fairmont	A. J. Lyda.....	Fairmont, Marion " "
Marion.....	M. Allen.....	Barracksville, " " "
Lumberport.. ..	J. F. Snodgrass.....	Lumberport, " " "
Beverly.....	J. N. Eckess.....	Beverly, Randolph " "
Salem.....	C. Conner.....	Salem, Harrison " "
Bridgeport.....	Adam Rider, supply....	Bridgeport, " " "
J. L. Irwin, Agent American Bible Society, member Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		
W. R. White, Principal State Normal School, member Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Parkersburg District...	Benj. Ison, P. E.....	Parkersburg, Wood Co., W. Va.
"	Station... J. W. W. Bolton.....	" " "
"	Circuit... R. L. Woodyard.....	" " "
"	Mission.. To be supplied.....	" " "
Williamstown.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	Williamstown, " " "
Murraysville.....	F. H. J. King.....	Murraysville, Jackson " "
Ravenswood.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	} Ravenswood, " " "
	W. W. Harper.....	
Harrisville.....	R. R. Highleyman.....	Harrisville, Ritchie " "
Elizabeth	J. F. Chenoweth.....	Elizabeth, Wirt " "
Ellenboro.....	T. M. Hartley.....	Ellenboro, Ritchie " "
Burning Springs.....	E. B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, Wirt " "
West Union.	B. S. Welch.....	West Union, Doddridge " "
Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	Sistersville, Tyler " "
Middlebourne.	W. E. Rippey.....	Middlebourne, " " "
Calhoun.....	W. H. Wiley.....	Calhoun C. H., Calhoun " "
Glenville.....	J. P. Coleman.....	Glenville, Gilmer " "
Centreville.....	J. B. Beatty.....	Centreville, Tyler " "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Charleston District...	G. W. Richmond, P. E. Kanawha C. H.,	Kanawha Co., W. Va.
"	Station... J. A. Kibbe.....	" " "
"	Circuit... C. E. Manchester.....	" " "
Nicholas.....	J. N. Rhodes.....	Summerville, Nicholas " "
Mountain Cove.....	J. M. Griffiths.....	Mountain Cove, Fayette " "

Braxton.....	M. G. Sayre.....	Braxton C. H.,	Braxton Co.,	W. Va.
Raymond City.....	W. E. Loomis.....			
Elk River.....	S. F. Smith, supply....			
Mill Creek.....	Thos. P. Ryan, supply.			
Buffalo.....	B. Rogers, supply.....	Buffalo,	Putnam Co.,	W. Va.
Point Pleasant.....	W. H. Young.....	Point Pleasant,	Mason	" "
Clifton.....	J. S. Freeland.....			
Hartford City.....	J. M. Powell.....	Hartford City,	"	" "
Spencer.....	B. Darlington.....	Spencer,	Roane	" "
Webster.....	J. B. Harrah, supply....	Addison,	Webster	" "
Bell Creek.....	J. N. Hypes, supply....			

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E....	Kanawha C. H., Kanawha Co., W. Va.
" Station.....	S. E. Steele.....	Guyandotte, Cabell " "
	G. C. Schaffner.....	
Wayne.....	V. Sanford.....	Ceredo, Wayne " "
Sandy.....	R. Hager, supply.....	
Monticello.....	S. D. Jones.....	
Winfield.....	B. Hager.....	Winfield, Putnam " "
Hamlin.....	C. H. Allemong.....	Hamlin, Lincoln " "
Coal River.....	J. M. Smith, supply....	
Boone.....	N. C. Beckley.....	
Logan.....	A. Browning, supply....	Logan C. H., Logan " "
Raleigh & Fayette.....	Renix Weese.....	
Mercer.....	A. Workman, supply..	
McDowell & Wyoming.....	E. J. Johnson, supply.	

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Charles McLane,	Morgantown,	Monongalia County, W. Va.		
A. L. Wade,	"	"	"	"
F. W. Dean,	"	"	"	"
Leonard Morman,	Ice's Ferry,	"	"	"
Morgan Boyers,	Granville,	"	"	"
Nelson Waters,	"	"	"	"
G. W. Smith,	"	"	"	"
Newton Stewart,	Laurel Point,	"	"	"
Israel Rich,	"	"	"	"
Daniel Tichenel,	Pleasant Hill,	Preston	"	"
John C. Robinson,	Glade Farm,	"	"	"
C. Ringer,	Morgan's Glade,	"	"	"
John M. Davis,	Oakland,	Alleghany	"	Md.
E. G. Murphy,	Grafton,	Taylor	"	W. Va.
F. G. W. Ford,	Kasson,	Barbour	"	"
D. K. Ford,	"	"	"	"
H. L. Cox,	"	"	"	"
Jos. Dewitt,	Johnstown,	Alleghany	"	Md.
D. H. Friend,	"	"	"	"
Joseph Grubb, E.,	White Day,	Preston	"	W. Va.
T. Hawking,	"	"	"	"
J. H. Gibson,	Brandonville,	"	"	"
P. S. Barrack,	Tunnelton,	"	"	"
J. J. Davis,	Winfield,	Marion	"	"
I. Hawkins, D.,	"	"	"	"
J. Swisher,	Forksburg,	"	"	"
M. Doolittle,	"	"	"	"
J. W. Carico,	St. George,	Tucker	"	"
M. Knotts,	Fellowsville,	Preston	"	"

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. J. Stone,	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, W. Va.	
W. G. Hobbs,	"	"	"	"
J. Willetts,	"	"	"	"
N. W. Patterson,	"	"	"	"
J. A. Jefferson,	"	"	"	"
J. A. Lancaster,	"	"	"	"
James Baggs,	"	"	"	"
S. Jones,	Moundsville,	Marshall	"	"
G. Pelly,	"	"	"	"
W. Evans,	"	"	"	"

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L. I.
J. T.

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John

W. Wilcox,	Pine Grove,	Wetzel County, W. Va.
J. Edgel,	"	" " "
J. Musgrave,	"	" " "
J. Hall,	"	" " "
J. D. Snodgrass,	"	" " "
H. Riggs,	Moundsville,	Marshall " "
G. Franklin,	Bellton,	" " "
G. W. Parrot,	"	" " "
D. Cunningham,	Mannington,	Marion " "
W. Conway,	"	" " "
A. Ney,	"	" " "
R. Wilson,	Dallas,	Marshall " "
B. F. Charlton,	Mannington,	Marion " "
L. Loveall,	New Martinsville,	Wetzel " "
J. Turner, D.,	Moundsville,	Marshall " "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Rector, D.,	Clarksburg,	Harrison County, W. Va.
J. Holt, E.,	West Milford,	" " "
J. G. Thompson,	Clarksburg,	" " "
A. C. Rider, E.,	Quiet Dell,	" " "
Samuel P. Wilson,	Kincheloe,	" " "
B. Frazier,	"	" " "
Wm. Stephens,	Sycamore Dale,	" " "
N. Snider,	Webster,	Lewis " "
W. E. Lovett,	"	" " "
John Law,	"	" " "
G. W. Dean,	"	" " "
J. McWhorter,	"	" " "
J. C. McCoy,	Big Skin Creek,	" " "
G. S. Riddle,	Centerville,	Upshur " "
Joseph Vincent,	"	" " "
S. Wilson,	Beachtown,	" " "
A. Vincent, E.,	Shinnston,	Harrison " "
J. J. Nixon,	Boothsville,	Marion " "
C. W. Upton,	Phillippi,	Barbour " "
D. R. Poling,	"	" " "
S. S. Lockney,	Calhoun,	" " "
A. C. Boyers,	"	" " "
J. R. Poston,	Pleasant Creek,	" " "
James Teter,	Bealington,	" " "
E. Kittle,	"	" " "
E. Bennett,	Buckhannon,	Upshur " "
J. Waugh,	"	" " "
J. S. W. Dean,	"	" " "
W. Ward,	"	" " "
J. Burns,	Fairmont,	Marion " "
D. Turney,	"	" " "
M. W. Davis,	Cherry Camp,	Harrison " "
H. Foggy,	Beverly,	Randolph " "
John Rice,	New Interest,	" " "

Renix Weese,.....	Beverly,	Randolph County, W. Va.	
J. F. Chenoweth,.....	"	"	"
J. W. Lambert,.....	New Interest,	"	"
A. Reeder,.....	Bridgeport,	Harrison	"
Clark Rexroad,.....	Centerville,	Upshur	"
Jesse Bouse,.....	Ireland,	Lewis	"

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Stewart, L.,.....	Tollgate,	Doddridge County, W. Va.	
J. T. Hickman, D.,.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	"
T. R. Park,.....	Ravenswood,	Jackson	"
S. Ball,.....	"	"	"
S. Williams,.....	"	"	"
W. R. Mahon,.....	Cottageville,	"	"
J. Steele,.....	Lockhart's Run,	Wood	"
O. Stevens,.....	Fountain Spring,	"	"
R. Ranard,.....	Williamstown,	"	"
B. Athey,.....	"	"	"
Levi Newbank,.....	Bull Creek,	"	"
E. McPherson,.....	Parkersburg,	"	"
C. Anderson,.....	Bellville,	"	"
S. M. Robinson,.....	Elizabeth,	Wirt	"
E. Riddle,.....	Harrisville,	Ritchie	"
— Curry, L.,.....	Ellenboro,	"	"
John Trainer, D.,.....	"	"	"
Elijah Ctayton, L.,.....	White Oak,	"	"
J. W. Miller, D.,.....	Bone Creek,	"	"
James Hardman, D.,.....	Goff's,	"	"
J. Pringle, L.,.....	Spencer,	Roane	"
B. Rogers, D.,.....	"	"	"
Eli Rodebaugh	"	"	"
Daniel Skidmore,.....	"	"	"
W. Zerkey,.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	"
T. Crane,.....	"	"	"
J. W. Amiss, E.,.....	Parkersburg,	Wood	"
D. King,.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	"
J. Parker,.....	Grandview,	Washington	"
G. McIntyre,.....	Moore's,	Tyler	Ohio.
R. Martin	Van Camps,	Wetzel	W. Va.
James Young,.....	"	"	"
Stephen Loveall.....	"	"	"
D. Meredith, E.,.....	Centreville,	Tyler	"
James Ankron,.....	Middlebourne,	"	"
C. Anderson,.....	Bellville,	Jackson	"
John Johnson,.....	Sandyville,	"	"
S. R. Dawson, E.,.....	Ellenboro,	Ritchie	"
Samuel C. Rareden,.....	Ravenswood,	Jackson	"
J. T. Childers.....	New Milton,	Doddridge	"
John Stewart,.....	Greenwood,	"	"
Wm. H. Wiley, D.,.....	West Union,	"	"
Wm. N. Edgel,.....	Teter's Mill,	"	"

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CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Va.	Jacob Bird, D.,.....	Mason City,	Mason	County, W. Va.
	W. W. Harper, D.,.....	Hartford City,	"	" "
	W. B. Guthrie, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	R. B. Sandford, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	U. Pribble, D.,.....	Point Pleasant,	"	" "
	E. Radebough, L.,.....	Spencer,	Roane	" "
Va.	D. Scidmore, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	S. Pringle, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	W. D. Sandford, E.,.....	Clendennan,	Kanawha	" "
	C. King, L.,.....	Charleston,	"	" "
	M. Metheney, L.,.....	Jarrett's Ford,	"	" "
	H. Scott, L.,.....	Charleston,	"	" "
	E. J. Johnson, D.,.....	Pocotalico,	"	" "
	W. A. Woodall, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	J. P. Withrow, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	J. D. Woods, L.,.....	Charleston,	"	" "
	Robert McCutcheon, D.,...	Summersville,	Nicholas	" "
	Wm. Grose, D.,.....	Cross Lanes,	"	" "
	Joseph Hutchinson, L.,....	Summersville,	"	" "
	Samuel T. Williams, L.,...	"	"	" "
	Jacob Grose, L.,.....	Cross Lanes,	"	" "
	Wm. G. Gregory, L.,.....	Fork Lick,	Webster	" "
	Adam Gregory, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	Isaac H. Griffin, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	W. D. Baxter, L.,.....	Sutton,	Braxton	" "
	H. A. Baxter, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	Wm. B. Rose, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	Chas. B. Shackelford, L.,...	Newton,	Roane	" "
	A. B. Grose, L.,.....	Clay C. H.,	"	" "
	N. W. Shannon, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	James M. Hypes, L.,.....	Sycamore,	Clay	" "
	J. T. Moreton, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	A. Waugh, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	L. D. Hile, D.,.....	Gauley Bridge,	Fayette	" "
	Robert Hughs, L.,.....	"	"	" "
Ohio.	J. Connor, D.,.....	Charleston,	Kanawha	" "
Va.	C. E. Manchester, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	G. W. Atkinson, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	J. D. Strickland, D.,.....	Cologne,	Mason	" "
	Dr. McGovern, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	John Kincaid, D.,.....	Fayette C. H.,	"	" "
	Wm. Johnson, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	Robert Scarbough, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	James Scarbough, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	John A. Handley, L.,.....	Mountain Cove,	Fayette	" "
	Jonathan B. Legg, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	J. B. Harrah, L.,.....	"	"	" "
	T. D. Honaker, L.,.....	Fisher's Point,	Jackson	" "

Reuben Harrison, L.,.....	Fisher's Point,	Jackson	County, W. Va.
T. P. Ryan, L.,.....	Walton,	Roane	" "
J. G. Ripley, D.,.....			
A. W. Gregg, D.,.....	Cheshire,	Meigs	" Ohio.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

R. Brooks,.....	Coalsmouth,	Kanawha County, W. Va.	
T. Davis,.....	Charleston,	"	" "
J. S. Moses,.....		"	" "
S. Estep,.....	Newport,	Boone	" "
R. E. Perry,	Peytona,	"	" "
W. V. Bias,.....	"	"	" "
A. D. Perry,.....	"	"	" "
J. T. Carroll,.....	Hamlin,	Lincoln	" "
J. S. Black,.....	"	"	" "
E. Spurlock,.....	"	"	" "
R. Hagar,.....	Boone C. H.,	Boone	" "
A. Browing,.....	Logan C. H.,	Logan	" "
J. Browing,.....	"	"	" "
A. Workman,.....	Marshes of Coal,	Raleigh	" "
G. Crook,.....	Jumping Branch,	Mercer	" "
J. Webb,.....	Marshes of Coal,	Raleigh	" "
U. Hinchman,.....	Rich Creek.	Logan	" "
M. Ownby,.....	Blue Stone,	Tazewell	" Va.
M. Butcher,.....	Guyandotte,	Cabell	W. Va.
P. B. Lewis,.....	"	"	" "
R. D. Wolf,.....	"	"	" "
J. Taylor,.....	"	"	" "
Jas. Peters,.....	Bald Knob,	Boone	" "
D. O. Estep,.....	Ballardville,	"	" "
V. Hinchman,.....	Rich Creek,	Logan	" "

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE commenced its Twenty-Fourth session at Parkersburg, March 9th, 1871, Bishop D. W. Clark presiding, who conducted the devotional exercises, which were participated in by Revs. P. Cook and T. H. Monroe.

After the calling of the roll by the Secretary of the last session, J. L. Clark, J. P. Farmer and S. W. Davis, were elected Secretaries, and A. J. Lyda, Conference Reporter.

A communication on the subject of post offices was referred to the Post Office Committee.

The annual report of the Book Concerns was read and placed on file.

A communication relating to the expenses of the next General Conference was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Two communications from the Missionary Board were referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication from the Freedmen's Aid Society was referred to its proper committee.

A paper from the trustees of the Moundsville camp ground was received and referred to a committee.

A notice of bequest made by Rev. Joseph Alexander, deceased, for the benefit of the Missionary Society and necessitous cases, was received, and Gideon Martin appointed to take charge of the funds.

A communication from Allegheny College was referred to Committee on Education.

Dr. A. Martin, F. Ball and T. H. Trainer, were appointed a committee to take charge of papers relative to the James Ward bequest.

J. Horner, D. D., J. D. Knox, W. J. Griffith, W. C. Holliday, D. Mackey, E. Moore, T. W. Stanley, A. B. Lee, T. C. Iliffe, and Bro. Edwards, of the M. E. Church, and S. K. Voght, P. E., and T. B. Carroll, of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. John Carter of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Secretaries were appointed a Committee on Statistics.

After reading of the minutes Conference adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1871.

Conference opened its session with devotional exercises, led by J. L. Clark.

The roll of absentees being called its further calling was dispensed with.

A communication from the Conference Educational Society was referred to Committee on Education.

The secretaries of the various conference societies were required to report the names of their officers to the Secretaries of the Conference.

Rev. Bro. Parker of the Primitive Methodist Church, and Revs. Warner, Perry and Ancrom of the United Brethren Church, and Rev. Crooks of the M. E. Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to have the memoirs prepared of any minister's wife who may die within their districts, for insertion in the conference minutes.

A collection was taken up to defray the funeral expenses of A. B. Smith.

Conference having adjourned by the expiration of time, the minutes were read and approved, and benediction pronounced by B. Ison.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 1871.

The Conference opened at 9 A. M., with devotional exercises led by Dr. Merrill, of Cincinnati.

The financial exhibit of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate was read and referred to Committee on Periodicals.

Rev. H. D. Rice, of Kentucky, Rev. Vanlau, of the Ohio Conference, and Dr. Merrill, editor of the Western Christian Advocate, were introduced to Conference.

Rev. T. C. Iliffe was transferred and elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders under the missionary rule.

A communication from the Wheeling Female College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Funds for the Minutes presented their report, which was adopted.

The auditing committee presented their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on State Camp Meeting presented their report, which was read and adopted, and the following committee appointed for the State Camp Meeting: J. L. Clark, F. Ball, E. C. Wayman, E. B. Blundon, L. H. Jordan, V. Sanford and Gideon Martin.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid presented their report, which was read and adopted.

The tract committee presented their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Memoirs presented the memoir of Rev. A. B. Smith, which was adopted. (See memoir.)

Revs. G. Martin, J. L. Clark and B. Ison, were appointed a committee in relation to centenary funds now in the hands of the Pittsburgh Conference.

Conference adjourned with benediction by S. D. Jones.

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1871.

Conference opened at 9 A. M., with devotional exercises, conducted by B. Ison.

The Bishop presented the certificates of ordination of Jonas P. Thatcher, John S. Freeland, Erastus C. Woodruff, William J. Sharps, John W. Hess, Francis M. Hughes, Joseph A. Gibson, David R. Boling, Eli Radabaugh, Madison G. Sayre, and Thomas C. Iliffe, to Deacon's orders, and Richard R. Highleyman, Samuel B. D. Prickett, John Conwell, Charles H. Conway, John Plant Farmer, Gilbert Rogers, Jesse F. Snodgrass, Jeremiah T. Hickman, Wm. W. Harper and Thomas C. Iliffe, to Elder's orders.

The committees for Conference of 1872 were announced. (See list of committees.)

The relation of M. W. Rider and John A. Williams was changed to supernumerary.

The Stewards' reports were read and adopted. (See reports.)

A collection was taken up to defray the expenses of books, papers, &c., for Conference use.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That the Conference Stewards have time given them on the first day of each annual session to call the roll, for the purpose of collecting the certificates of claims, receipts, and the collections for necessitous cases, and for the various committees to receive all statistics and monies collected.

2d. That a failure to respond to the above call by any preacher present shall be deemed a sufficient cause to arrest the passage of his character.

R. M. WALLACE,
J. L. CLARK.

Wm. M. Mullenix was appointed a committee to attend to a bequest, and report at next Conference.

The Committees on Sunday School Education, Statistics, Church Extension, Missionary Society, General Conference Expenses, Missions, Temperance, Sabbath Observance, Bible Cause and Periodicals, presented their reports, which were read and adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee on the James Ward bequest presented their report, which was read and adopted, and A. J. Lyda was appointed to receive funds.

The following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, 1st. By the West Virginia Annual Conference in Conference Assembled, That we have been profoundly impressed by that divine mercy which has spared the life of our beloved Bishop Clark, whose presence at our session, and whose presiding over our body has given us great satisfaction.

2d. That we hereby assure Bishop Clark of our desire for his complete recovery, and that he shall have an abiding interest in our prayers for his bodily, spiritual and official prosperity.

J. W. WEBB,
H. C. WESTWOOD,
G. MARTIN,
B. ISON.

The following preamble and resolutions relating to Bishop Thomson were adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, By a wise but inscrutable Providence our beloved Bishop Thomson has been removed from us ;

Resolved, 1st. That it is with melancholy pleasure that we recall the able yet genial manner in which he presided over the deliberations of our Conference at its recent session in Charleston, West Virginia, the very last Conference over which he ever presided, and the very eloquent and profound discourse which he delivered before the Conference on the Sunday morning of Conference, in which he more than sustained his reputation as an able and Evangelical Minister—his theme being “Christ and Him crucified,” and founded upon 1st Cor., 2d chap., 1st and 2d verses ; and also the address to the young men about to be ordained Deacons, in which he seemed carried away with his subject, describing with a master’s hand the duties, privileges, responsibilities, and reward of the faithful Christian Minister.

2d. That in his social intercourse with us at the Conference, by his sweet spirit and instructive and entertaining conversation, he drew all our hearts to him as by cords of love.

3d. That as ministers of the Gospel, we will endeavor to follow him as he followed Christ, that our last end may be like his. “Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.”

4th. That the Methodist Episcopal Church has lost one of her greatest lights, the country a scholar of rare attainments and capacity, and society a courteous and kindly Christian gentleman.

5th. That we tender our sincere, Christian sympathies to the bereaved relatives, especially the deeply afflicted widow and children, and commend them to “the God of consolation,” “who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

The Secretary was, on motion, requested to prepare for the next year's Conference minutes a record of our deceased ministers, and also a table of when and where our preachers entered the traveling connection.

The following resolutions were adopted :

ISLAND M. E. CHURCH.

Resolved, That the enterprise of Wheeling Island congregation for erecting a church edifice memorial of Bishop Thomson, whose death occurred in that city, has our approval, and we hereby commend it to the favor of our people.

2d. That the trustees of said church have our consent to dispose of their church property that they may secure another location for their new building.

PRUNTYTOWN PARSONAGE PROPERTY.

Resolved, by the *West Virginia Annual Conference*, That as the Pruntytown Quarterly Conference has given its consent to the sale of the parsonage property, we do hereby consent to the sale of such property according to the discipline.

TRIADELPHIA M. E. CHURCH,

Resolved, That the consent of the *West Virginia Annual Conference* is hereby granted for the sale of the M. E. Church at Triadelphia.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, 1st. That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the kind friends who have entertained us so handsomely during the session of Conference.

2d. That we hereby tender our thanks to the trustees of the various churches in Parkersburg, for placing their pulpits at the disposal of the Committee on Public Worship, and also to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and the steamboat lines for reduction in fares.

H. C. WESTWOOD,
S. STEELE,
A. HALL.

The names of supplies were ordered by motion to be published in our minutes.

Renix Weese, Jasper F. Chenoweth, C. S. Allemony and Alonzo T. Moreston were admitted on trial.

Rev. W. H. Wiley was readmitted on his certificate of location.

Rev. Randolph S. Welch was admitted with his credentials from the Methodist Protestant Church.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, and devotional exercises conducted by A. J. Lyda, Conference adjourned without date.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown District, through the blessing of God, is in a most flourishing condition. Every charge during the past year has been visited more or less with the outpouring of the Divine spirit. The preachers of the district have evidently enjoyed the happy influence of the harmonizing power of the gospel. Their industry and zeal in their holy vocation, have proved the sincerity of their motives, and their deep felt concern for the welfare of Zion. The word has been attended with Divine sanction, and the work has steadily increased in interest. About eleven hundred have been converted, and as many if not more have been added to the church. Many have sought and obtained, while others have been hastening after the blessing of *perfect* love. The windows of Heaven have been opened to us; peace and salvation have descended like dew upon the hills of Zion; light has broken into the abodes of darkness, and the wretched have been made to rejoice.

From the many visitations of divine grace which have been experienced, the following are selected as the most remarkable:

Pastor of Morgantown Station, Rev. W. M. Mullenix, announced on Sabbath, January 22d, that on the following Wednesday evening a series of special services would be commenced with the view to the promotion of a higher experience in the church. To the surprise of all, the house was filled. In a few evenings sinners came forward for prayers. The awakening soon became general and reached all classes—whole families united with the church. Many of the students of the West Virginia University were powerfully converted. Religion became the theme of all tongues, and the whole town seemed to feel the influence of the Spirit of God. There is one feature in this revival particularly worthy of notice. It has been remarked by many old members that they never witnessed more evident marks of a solid and genuine work of grace than those exhibited by most of the young converts, nor a revival of religion of such extent, where there was less extravagance or disorder. It is still in progress, and is among the most remarkable revivals that ever occurred in Morgantown.

An interesting work of God has been experienced in Grafton, resulting in eighty conversions and accessions to the church. The Sunday School crowds the church to its utmost capacity. The town is rapidly increasing in population, and we must have a new and much larger house of worship, to be in keeping with other denominations.

At a quarterly meeting held at Brandonville, January 14th and 15th, the Divine presence overspread the assembly, and like a celestial cloud filled the house. During the Sabbath services it seemed that the hearers were bowed, and the spirit of the Lord was there in power. The meeting was protracted and wondrous results followed.

Palatine, Kingwood, and indeed every charge, have been favored with gracious revivals.

On the 26th of February, at Newburg, a neat and commodious church was solemnly set apart to the worship of Almighty God. Dr. Martin, President of University, who is doing a good work in the cause of education both for the State and church, officiating, assisted by Bro. Clark and the Pastor. The entire indebtedness of eight hundred dollars was raised.

Several other churches are in course of erection within the bounds of the district. The salaries of the preachers with but few exceptions will be reported paid. The benevolent contributions are in advance of last year. The interests of the church in every department have been scrupulously guarded. My brethren in the ministry will accept my acknowledgment of their uniform kindness and readiness to assist me in the work of the district.

March 9th, 1871.

J. WESLEY WEBB.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling District embraces Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel and parts of Marion and Doddridge counties. It includes 18 circuits and stations; 57 churches, valued at \$163,000; 9 parsonages, in good condition, except two or three, valued at \$19,000. One new church has been added to the list the past year, and one burned. Between three and four thousand dollars have been collected and expended by way of improving old churches and parsonages, and paying old debts on the same during the year. The building of four new churches is in contemplation the coming summer, at a cost of over twenty thousand dollars, some twelve thousand of which is now on subscription. One of the above named churches is now under contract, and is to be completed in June. In this respect the district is doing well; but not so well in reference to parsonages, of which there is a felt need.

The financial condition of the district is much the same as last year. There has been but little if any advance on the preachers' salaries, which are too light, and in which there will be some small deficiencies.

The collections for benevolent purposes in some of the charges, will, I fear, fall short. The brethren will be better able to explain the causes, if necessary, than I can. As a whole, however, I trust they will equal the contributions of last year.

The Sunday School cause is doing well. It is in a healthy and prosperous condition. Quite a number of Sunday School scholars have been converted and gathered into the church during the year. This cause is becoming a power in the church in the Wheeling District.

The spiritual condition of the district is good. Revival influence has pervaded the circuits and stations pretty generally. The church has been greatly blest, many have professed conversion, and perhaps six or seven hundred united with the church.

The preachers, so far as I know, have uniformly supported a good moral and ministerial character. They have been faithful in their work, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and ready at all times to extend a

helping hand in the district work whenever practicable. Ali have treated me kindly and courteously, bearing with my many weaknesses and infirmities, for which they have my hearty thanks.

Through the mercy of God I am still alive, and blessed with a reasonable degree of health and strength. Interruptions in my regular work the past year on account of personal indisposition, have been very slight. True, the cares and labors, and responsibilities of an itinerant life for thirty-four consecutive years have not been without their effects upon the outer man, still there remains within me an abiding desire to do something more for Him who has done so much for me. I do not ask for any particular work—never have, never expect to; but simply some place among my brethren, where the Conference may direct, that I may work for the blessed Saviour, and “finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus.”

GIDEON MARTIN.

March 9th, 1871,

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg District extends over seven counties, namely: Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, Barbour, Taylor and Marion. It is divided by our economy or government into four stations and twelve circuits. Two circuits, namely: Lumberport and Freemansburg, and one station, Clarksburg, were left to be supplied at our last Conference. These appointments were filled immediately after Conference. The preachers were soon on the fields of labor assigned them, and worked faithfully and successfully during the entire Conference year. It would not be out of place in this connection to speak of the self-sacrificing labors of the traveling preachers committed to my charge—men in labors more abundant—not merely preaching so many times, to fill up the regular routine of duty, but often continuing protracted meetings for weeks, and from appointment to appointment till many were convicted of sin, and were brought into the light and liberty of the children of God, resulting in the conversion and accession to the church of upwards of six hundred.

In most of the appointments the salaries allowed are inadequate to the comfortable support of the preachers and their families. This has been brought before the different Quarterly Conferences, and as a consequence some advance has been made in several of the charges this year, and we are hoping for still greater advancement in all.

I have been present at as many quarterly meetings as possible during the year, and those I could not attend were ably and satisfactorily filled by the brethren I sent as substitutes, to who I now, as then, present my hearty thanks for their ready co-operation with me in this as well as all other services required from them.

I have tried to promote, and with some success, the cause of missions, Sunday Schools and church extension, according to the requirements of the discipline; and I have also urged upon our ministers and members the careful instruction of the children in our Catechisms.

During the year there were no questions of law to be decided in any Quarterly Conference. There were none of our Bishops that I knew of

in the bounds of our district during the year; nor had I occasion to write to the Bishop in charge of our Conference. We had peace in all our border.

Some advances have been made in church buildings. Four churches have been built during the year. Three of them have been dedicated, and the indebtedness on each met at the time of dedication. Four or five churches are on the way, and with God's help will be built and dedicated this year. We thank God and take courage. To Him be all the glory. Amen.

SAMUEL STEELE.

March 9th, 1871.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

I commenced my labors in the district in due time. I found the preachers at their work, laboring faithfully and efficiently, which they have continued to do throughout the year. Each has been blessed with a degree of prosperity. But some have been "in labors more abundant," and have had corresponding success. Upwards of seven hundred have joined the church on probation, and about the same number have been received into full connection. Many in the church have felt the need of higher attainments in grace, and "scriptural holiness" has spread, notwithstanding the conflicting theories on the subject, and the imperfect manner in which the great blessing is exhibited in the lives of many who profess it.

Some progress has been made in the Sunday School work. New schools have been organized, and some of them in places where the people are poor, and enjoy but few religious privileges. Schools that have been in operation for some time, profiting by the efforts of that great Sunday School man, Rev. J. H. Vincent, have been rendered more efficient; still there is great room to mend. Many schools are conducted in the old fashioned way, with but little energy, order or effect. Many of the preachers are good Sunday School workers, but they have much difficulty in getting competent officers and teachers. Here lies the great hindrance. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He would send laborers into His harvest."

In some places "the people have had a mind to work" in the way of church building. In the Williamstown Circuit one very neat church has been built and dedicated, and four more are in process of erection, and, with the Divine blessing, will soon be finished. In Ravenswood, where our people are few, and financially feeble, they have succeeded in finishing a new and commodious church, which was commenced last year. This has long been required by our interests in that place. They need help to pay the remaining debt, and they ought to receive it. In Cairo, in the Ellenboro Circuit, a new church is going up, and our small society there stands in great need of help. In other places they contemplate building as soon as practicable. Our people in this place (Parkersburg,) have purchased a building in the Sixth Ward for the purpose of accommodating the people in that part of the city with the preaching of the Gospel. The pastor of this charge, assisted by others, has been holding a meeting there recently, which was attended with good results.

In some localities the work has so enlarged that it will be necessary to divide it. Two new circuits ought to be made in the country, and a mission established here, with a view to a second charge.

The financial affairs of the district are not as encouraging as could be desired. The people on many of the circuits have habitually been giving but little to the various benevolent enterprises of the church, and we fear there has been little, if any improvement, this year. The statistics may possibly show a decrease in the total amount of benevolent contributions. But should this be the case, it may be accounted for without charging it to neglect on the part of the preachers, or to increased parsimoniousness on the part of the members. For the number of circuits was reduced at the last Conference, and the amount of missionary money appropriated to assist weak circuits was less than in former years. The charges were all taxed higher than formerly to meet the claims of the Presiding Elder. The work of church building, &c., has been heavy upon some, so that they could not give much for other purposes. Many of our people are poor, and money has been unusually scarce. Still, all the circumstances considered, much more ought to have been done. Very few of our people give according to their ability, and many give little or nothing.

One great hindrance to our work is the meagre support which the preachers receive. A few receive reasonable salaries, but the majority can barely live. Their anxiety about their temporal affairs diverts their attention in some degree from their work, and the thought that they are not appreciated, or they would be better paid, depresses them, so that they cannot work as they would. They travel large circuits, ranging from ten to eighteen appointments, so that they cannot properly attend to the pastoral work, nor preach at each place more than once in four weeks. Under these circumstances the cause cannot advance very rapidly. If we divide the work, then we diminish the preachers' pay, which is already too small. Thus the policy of the church keeps the preachers poor, and the work of God is hindered. I think, however, there are signs of improvement. In a few of the charges they have increased the preachers' salaries over former years; and I trust the good work will go on till "they that preach the Gospel can live of the Gospel," for "the laborer is worthy of his hire." In almost every charge we have some as noble and generous people as can be found anywhere, and I hope their spirit may permeate the mass, that the "little leaven may leaven the whole lump." Then "he that is taught in the word will communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things;" and God "will pour out such blessings that there shall not be room enough to contain them."

As to myself, I am thankful to my brethren, both of the ministry and laity, for the uniform kindness which they have shewn me. The former have rendered me all needful assistance in my work. We have been "laborers together with God." We have been "companions in tribulation." And I trust we shall be companions in the kingdom of glory. As we have shared the toil and the pain, I hope we shall share the rest and the joy. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor shall not be in vain in the Lord."

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

B. ISON.

March 9th, 1871.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

The district embraces fifteen appointments, lying on the Ohio river, and up the north side of Kanawha and New rivers and their tributaries; also the south side of New river embraced in Fayette county.

Hartford City Circuit, which has three appointments and three churches, has a larger and better membership at the close of this year than the circuit has ever before possessed. There has been a net increase of about forty members and probationers.

The church at Point Pleasant has been completed and dedicated during the year; also the church at West Columbia has been repaired, and God has visited the people with times of refreshing. We have a growing appointment at Clifton, on the Ohio river, and expect to complete a new brick church at that place during the coming year. Net increase on the circuit seventy-five members and probationers.

Buffalo Circuit, soon after the ———— was deprived of its pastor by death, he having suddenly been called to his reward, though not without gracious preparation, as he said to a friend a few days before his death, "I have never been so happy as in the last week or two." Thus God led him to the altar of perfect consecration—prepared him for a better home—by a strange providence severed his connection with the circuit and conference, and took him to join our brethren across the river.

The circuit has had some revival influence under the labors of Bro. Rodgers, who supplied the work. There are eleven appointments on this circuit—two churches, and we are arranging to build one on Ten Mile. Increase about thirty.

The Mill Creek Circuit has twelve appointments—is entirely destitute of churches. It has had a net increase during the year of about twenty-five.

Raymond City Circuit has nine appointments—one frame church nearly completed, and another will be completed next summer. There has been no increase.

Charleston Station has had no increase in membership. The congregations are good, and the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition.

Charleston Circuit has fifteen appointments—on church and parsonage. This circuit has improved in its Sunday School interests very much during the year, and has had several gracious revivals, and a net increase of fifty-four.

Elk River Circuit has one church and eleven appointments. This work is not in very good condition.

Bell Creek Circuit has eleven appointments—two churches, with a net increase during the year of one hundred.

Mountain Cove Circuit has five appointments. They have repaired one church on this work during the year, and commenced the erection of another. There has been a net increase of about fifty.

Nicholas Circuit has twelve appointments—four churches completed and three under construction. There has been no increase on this work.

Webster Circuit has five appointments. There has been an increase on this circuit of about thirty members, but the minutes will not show this as the report of last year was not correct. There is one church nearly completed.

Braxton Circuit has thirteen appointments—four churches, and the brethren are building a frame church on the lower end of the work, to be completed next summer. There has been a net increase of about seventy-five members.

Spencer Circuit has fourteen appointments; one frame church completed and dedicated this year. The new church at Spencer has been inclosed. This church needs help very much as it is located at the court house, and should become the centre of methodism in the county. There is an increase of about twenty-five members.

Fayette Circuit has eleven appointments; one church. There has been an increase of about thirty-eight, but the minutes will not show this, as last year's report was incorrect.

We have fifty-one Sunday Schools in the bounds of the district, with over two thousand scholars.

We are now building twelve churches; some of them are well under way, and all are secured by subscription.

The financial condition of the district has been somewhat affected by the scarcity of money, and the lack of efficient Stewards to enforce our financial plan. Some of our preachers have been well paid, while others have been more or less financially embarrassed during the year. The receipts will average with the receipts of former years, some circuits having advanced while others have fallen off.

The Spiritual Condition of the District.—Twelve of the circuits have been visited with gracious revivals. Six hundred and fifty souls have professed conversion, and on some of the circuits the revival fire is still burning. The Religious state of the membership of the district has never been more hopeful than it is at this time.

I have only to say of myself, I have tried to do honest work for God and the church. I have held forty-six quarterly meetings during the year, and have had all other quarterly meetings supplied with good, efficient ministers. The past year has been one of prosperity to nearly every charge. Harmony and peace pervades the district throughout the ministry and membership.

G. W. RICHMOND.

March 9th, 1871.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

The Guyandotte District has thirteen appointments; all circuit. The Guyandotte Circuit has six appointments and two churches. This work has been visited by revivals at several of the appointments, especially at Barboursville and Guyandotte. The revival at Guyandotte promises well for the future, from the fact that many heads of families were brought into the church. The membership has been increased from one hundred and fifty-three to two hundred and seven, with a list of seventy-

four probationers. Bro. S. E. Steele has had charge of this work, and done excellent service.

The missionary collection has fallen off from fifteen dollars and fifty cents to twelve dollars. The Conference collection is very small. It should have been more. The receipts from the charge show some advancement.

Wayne Circuit has ten appointments and two churches. This work has been visited with some revival. The membership has been increased from two hundred and sixty to three hundred and twenty-six, with a list of one hundred probationers. The missionary collection is better than last year. The receipts are about the same as last year.

Monticello has six appointments, was supplied by Bro. James Taylor. This work was connected with Winfield last year. We had sixty members, but are now increased to seventy-two, with twenty probationers. This work makes a small missionary report. Receipts pretty good.

Winfield Circuit has five churches; one finished and dedicated this year. The membership has been increased from one hundred and nineteen to one hundred and thirty-four, with one hundred and forty probationers. Bro. B. Hagar has done well. The receipts are largely increased. We have a small missionary report.

Hamlin Circuit has two churches and nine appointments. The membership is the same as last year. There is an increase of probationers from fifty-five to one hundred and five. Bro. M. G. Sayre supplied this work with some success. We have a pretty good missionary collection. Other collections have been looked after also.

Coal River Circuit has two churches and ten appointments. The membership has been increased ten, and twenty probationers. Bro. Sharp has done faithful work. We have a small missionary collection. The receipts have fallen off a little this year.

Boone Circuit has two churches and twenty-two appointments. The membership has increased from two hundred and fifty to three hundred and fifty, and seventy-seven probationers. Bro. N. C. Beckley has been very efficient on this work. We have a pretty good missionary collection from this charge, all things considered. Other collections have been looked after also. The receipts are largely increased.

Raleigh Circuit has three churches and fifteen appointments. Bro. F. H. J. King had charge of this work. The increase in the membership has been but five, with twenty probationers. This charge has not prospered as we could have desired. This, we think, owing principally to the fact that Bro. King was away from his work about two months with his sick family. The receipts have fallen off some. The contributions are not what they should be.

Mercer Circuit has one church and eighteen appointments. Bro. A. Workman supplied this work. The membership has decreased slightly, but this is owing to the fact that McDowell Circuit was in part taken off Mercer. We have an actual gain. This charge reports twenty-four probationers. The receipts are not as good as last year.

Wyoming Circuit has one church, built this year, and sixteen appointments. The membership has increased from fifty to two hundred and fourteen. This work was supplied by Bro. Ownley. He did good service. The receipts are not satisfactory. There has been but little advance.

Logan Circuit has no churches, but we have a membership of one hundred and twenty-two, and ninety probationers. This work was supplied by Bro. A. Browning, whose labors have been blessed this year. The receipts are largely over last year. We have a small missionary collection from this work.

Sandy Circuit was supplied also by Bro. Browning. He spent one-fourth of his time with this work. We have two churches on this work. Receipt very satisfactory. We have a small missionary contribution.

Financially they have done well. Now to sum up the matter: We have an increase of seven hundred and one members. Also an increase of ten Sunday Schools. The Sunday School collection, though small, has been increased over one hundred per cent. There is also an increase of two churches. We have increased the receipts of preachers from the charges thirty per cent over last year. The missionary collection has increased a little over last year; so I may say of all the benevolent objects. We have had peace and harmony in our work. If there has been an unpleasant feeling among the preachers I have not known it. We have sung together and prayed together, and have been greatly blessed in our toils, and I want here to thank my brethren of the district for their cordial support and hearty co-operation in the arduous labors of the year, and for their kindness and patience with me. I close up this year's labor with the happy reflection that my health has been preserved so that I have lost no appointments through sickness, and but one through sickness in my family. I thank God for His amazing love and goodness to me; to him be all the glory.

D. H. K. DIX.

March 9th, 1871.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Memoirs.

Rev. A. B. Smith, of West Va. Conference, whose death occurred soon after our last session, was born on Bell Creek, in Fayette county, West Va., June 15th, 1827. He was born of the spirit, and joined the M. E. Church in his thirteenth year. At this early age he manifested a high regard for Christian duties, and was exemplary in his life, devoted to secret prayer, and conscientiously careful to maintain a religious deportment in the family circle and before the world. His speech was very imperfect, and he determined to train his voice for future usefulness. After many years of careful effort he succeeded in speaking, and governed his stammering tongue, and hastened to tell, and to tell clearly, the wonderful plan of salvation. He filled acceptably the several positions of steward, class-leader and local preacher. He was admitted on trial in the West Va. Conference in the spring of 1857, and sent on the Wayne Circuit, R. Northcraft in charge. In 1860 he was sent to the Wyoming Circuit in charge. In 1861 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop

Baker, and appointed, with B. L. Woodyard, on Marshall Circuit. During this year his health failed, and at the Conference of 1862 he took a superannuated relation, but continued his studies and was ordained Elder at Fairmont in March, 1863, by Bishop Morris. He now engaged in selling books, and while traveling in Pennsylvania he formed the acquaintance of Miss Sarah Jane Kipp, of Huntingdon, to whom he was married June 25th, 1865. In the spring of 1867, Rev. R. A. Arthur, P. E., of Charleston District, employed him as supply on Monticello Circuit. The following spring, 1868, he was made effective and appointed to Raymond City Circuit; in 1869 to Elk River Circuit, and at the last Conference he was placed in charge of the Buffalo Circuit. He had just commenced work in his new field when, by a sudden stroke, he was hurled from the midst of his usefulness to meet his reward.

Bro. Smith was an exemplary Christian, a kind companion and good preacher. His fidelity to Christian principles, his exertions for self-culture, his sweet, kind spirit, may well claim imitation by those who come after him. We commend his lonely wife to the mercies of God, and the prayers of the church.

On Missions.

The Missionary Committee of the West Virginia Conference present the following report, viz:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

St. George.....	\$150	Palatine.....	\$ 50
Newburg.....	100	Morgantown Circuit.....	75
Smithtown.....	100		
Grafton.....	100		\$575

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Fifth Street.....	\$100	Cameron.....	\$125
New Martinsville.....	125		
Pine Grove.....	150		\$500

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Freemansburg	\$ 60	Beverly.....	\$125
Phillippi.....	125	Salem.....	150
Upshur.....	100	Bridgeport.....	40
Fairmont.....	100		
Marion.....	75		\$825
Lumberport.....	50		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkersburg Mission.....	\$125	Calhoun.....	\$100
Parkersburg Circuit.....	100	Elizabeth.....	75
Murrysville.....	100		
Ravenswood.....	100		\$700
West Union.....	100		

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston Circuit.....	\$ 125	Buffalo.....	\$ 75
Nicholas.....	75	Point Pleasant.....	100
Mountain Cove.....	100	Spencer.....	150
Braxton.....	75	Webster.....	125
Raymond City.....	150	Bell Creek.....	75
Elk River.....	150		
Mill Creek.....	125		\$1,325

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte District.....	\$ 300	Mercer.....	\$ 100
Guyandotte Circuit.....	100	Wyoming and McDowell....	100
Wayne.....	100	Logan.....	100
Winfield.....	100	Sandy.....	75
Monticello.....	100	Hamlin.....	100
Coal River.....	100	Boone.....	100
Fayette.....	100		
Raleigh.....	100		\$1,375

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown.....	\$ 575	Charleston.....	\$ 1,325
Wheeling.....	500	Guyandotte.....	1,575
Clarksburg.....	825		
Parkersburg.....	700		\$5,500

G. MARTIN, *President*.S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

I concur in the above appropriations.

D. W. CLARK.

The Committee on Missions apportion the amount of missionary money to be raised this year as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$1,000	Charleston District.....	\$ 500
Wheeling ".....	1,500	Guyandotte ".....	300
Clarksburg ".....	900		
Parkersburg ".....	900		\$5,100

Resolved, That the preachers in charge be earnestly requested to raise the amount apportioned to their charges.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

Parkersburg, March 13th, 1871.

The Missionary Society report the following brethren as its officers for the following year:

President—W. F. CANNON, *Secretary*—A. J. LYDA,
Vice President—L. D. CASTO, *Assistant Secretary*—E. W. RYAN.
Treasurer—J. H. TRAINER.

Whole amount for the year\$3,206 68

J. B. FEATHER, *President*.E. C. WAYMAN, *Secretary*.

On Education.

The wonderful completeness and practical adaptation of the discipline and economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the actual wants of the world is seen, as in other things, so also, in the importance which it attaches to, and the provisions which it makes for the interests of education. Its language is, "That our people may be properly instructed in this matter, it shall be the duty of each preacher in charge to preach on the subject of education once a year, to diffuse information by the distribution of tracts or otherwise, and especially to call the attention of our wealthy members and friends to the duty of making liberal donations and bequests to this object. It is also recommended that each Conference take up annually a collection to aid the work of education, and that educational societies for the aid of poor young men be established." See Discipline, page 237.

We are thus, not by remote inference, but directly, and by the highest authority, pledged to this great cause. In addition to all that may be ordinarily said on this behalf these obligations are peculiarly incumbent on us at the present time:

1st. For the reasons so well and tersely set forth in the report of the President of the Educational Society.

2d. Because these interests are far from being fully secured in our State. A few years hence such special effort may not be so necessary, but the present is a real crisis in the history of these important interests, and it becomes the friends of learning to labor with special diligence and earnestness to secure the good fruits of efforts and expenditures already made for this cause.

3d. A third and important consideration arises from the fact that while our people are contributing and sending their money North, South, East and West, for missions for the Bible cause, for Freedmen, and various other benevolent objects, at present, and as a Conference we have no other fund of common interest to present to our people for the special advantage of our own territory. If we do not cherish this interest it may be said that others "have made us keepers of their vineyard, but our own vineyard we have not kept."

A tithe of our contributions in other directions would be productive of incalculable good if expended in this way at home. We do not believe that this would interfere with or diminish interest in these other directions, but surely, while there is such perishing need of the largest effort at our own door, and the prospect of immense and early advantage from the same, we should, as watchmen over all the interests of Zion, seek to strengthen and increase her power for good in this direction; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we will present the interests of education, and take up a collection for our Conference Society. The monies so contributed to be taken to, and reported at our next session.

2d. That the proceeds of the educational fund be expended in the same way and for the same purpose as ordered at our last session.

3d. That Walter Ebbert, E. C. Wayman, Edward Smith, S. E. Steele, C. F. Scott, Benj. Ison, Jacob Bird, G. W. Richmond, T. H. Logan, H. C. Westwood, J. J. Brown and Alex. Martin, or those of them who are not so already, be appointed to act on the Board of Education.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We are glad to hear from the catalogue and the report of the President, that this institution still holds on its way, steadily increasing in all the resources which enable it to conserve and promote the interests of higher education. The record of its past is good, and the promise of its future increasingly bright. We recommend that the usual committees be continued, viz:

For Board of Control.—H. K. List, B. F. Martin, A. J. Lyda, and Alex. Martin.

As Visiting Committee.—J. L. Clark, H. C. Westwood, and T. H. Logan.

WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

We learn that this institution is still doing a good work in its special department of education, having a larger number of pupils the past year than ever before in its history.

We cordially recommend it to the confidence and patronage of our friends and members, believing that it possesses rare facilities and advantages as a school for young women. We recommend that G. Martin, J. L. Clark, F. Ball, A. Hall, H. C. Westwood, C. F. Scott and S. Wood, be a Visiting Committee for the ensuing year.

ALEX. MARTIN,	} Committee.
H. C. WESTWOOD,	
W. W. RIDER,	
J. A. KIBBE,	
E. W. RYAN,	
VANLINDA SANDFORD,	

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 11th, 1871.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

To the West Va. Conference of the M. E. Church:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—At the last annual meeting of the West Virginia Educational Society, Bro. Walter Ebbert was elected President, and Alex. Martin, Secretary.

The Treasurer reported \$1,922 in national and individual bonds in his hands belonging to the Society.

It was resolved that the West Virginia Conference be respectfully requested at its next session to recommend such persons as are desired to fill up the board conformably to the action had by the Conference at its last session.

It was further resolved to submit to the Conference whether the time has not arrived for a renewed effort on behalf of the objects of the Society. It is believed that it could be eminently useful in assisting pious and promising young men, especially from the families of our own ministers, who are struggling to qualify themselves more successfully to preach Christ to a perishing world. It is believed there are in nearly all our charges those who love the Lord Jesus, and the souls for whom He died, who would respond with generous gifts and hearty prayers to this cause whenever properly presented. Many of the ablest and most useful

preachers in other Conferences of our beloved Zion, and in other branches of the church, have been aided in this way; and one of the most significant signs of the times is the loud demand that is being made for young men, not only of sanctified hearts, but also of thoroughly disciplined minds, to worthily fill up the places which our fathers vacate as they go to their rest and their reward in glory.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALTER EBBERT,

President W. Va. Educational Society.

On Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report \$99 20 received for Sunday School Union, but regret to find a decrease in the number of schools, and consequently in all the interests in this department of our work—would say, however, that this decrease is rather apparent than real, as we had no report from nine of the appointments.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. McNEEL, *Chairman.*

A. HALL, *Secretary.*

On Periodicals.

We are gratified to learn from financial exhibits of our periodicals, that they are in a flourishing condition, but we are convinced that many more of our people and the reading public could be prevailed upon to patronize our authorized publications if those who ought to take an interest in them would do their utmost.

The following resolution is offered for adoption :

Resolved, That the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, with other authorized publications, shall have our continued co-operation in their circulation.

J. P. THATCHER, *Chairman.*

On Tract Cause.

We, the Committee to whom was referred the Tract Cause, respectfully beg leave to report as follows :

The amount of money reported to us from the several charges is \$83 35, it being an increase over last year of \$35 20.

Fourteen dollars of the amount reported has been paid over at New York; \$10 by the Pruntytown Circuit, and \$4 by Morgantown Station; leaving in our hands \$69 35.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. SANFORD, *Chairman.*

On Bible Cause.

The Committee on the Bible Cause present the following report :

WHEREAS, The Bible is the foundation of all true morality and Religion, and its universal diffusion is essential to the triumph of Christianity;

and whereas, the American Bible Society has for its object the placing of a copy of the Scriptures in the hands of every human being above the years of childhood, so translated that all may read the Word of God in their mother tongue.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the unparalleled prosperity which has attended this Society during the past year ; that we hereby express our full sympathy with its objects, and our abiding confidence in its management; and that we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to promote its interests.

Resolved, further, That we highly commend the untiring diligence with which our State Agent, Rev. J. S. Irwin, has performed his arduous duties during the past year, and deeply sympathize with him in his present severe affliction, and we trust it will be the pleasure of the Bishop presiding to re-appoint him to that position.

JAS. J. DOLLIVER, *Chairman*.

On Temperance.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is to some extent on the increase within our bounds, and is a cause of much of the pauperism, crime and suffering that prevails in our land ; therefore,

Resolved, That we will wage an uncompromising war with King Alcohol until his power is broken and his forces routed.

Resolved, That we recommend to our people to discountenance by all prudent means the traffic in ardent spirits.

C. CONNOR, *Chairman*.

On Auditing.

The Auditing Committee report that the vouchers of all the Presiding Elders are satisfactory, the missionary appropriations having been paid over.

J. L. CLARK, *Chairman*.

On Church Extension.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

As the Board failed to report last Conference, (an oversight in the hurry of the business,) the following is designed to include its doings for the two years past :

The amount assessed the Conference, by the parent society, to be raised during the year ending March, 1870, was divided among the districts, and in each district among the circuits and stations severally. The collections, however, fell far below what might have been reasonably expected, reaching only the small sum of \$50 30.

During the same year the Conference Board recommended to the Parent Society appropriations by donations to the amount of a little over \$700, as follows: to Ravenswood \$150, to Spencer \$150, to Cameron \$150, to Beverly \$100, to New Haven \$125, and to Ravenswood a small

balance, to which the Parent Society added \$52 more, making the sum total over \$700. The Parent Board concurred in the above recommendations, and forwarded drafts accordingly to the respective parties.

For the Conference year ending March 9th, 1871, the amount assessed the Conference to be raised was divided among the districts, and distributed among the circuits and stations, as the year before. The collections are as follows: Total amount raised by the Conference Board the year \$72 80.

The appropriation to the Conference this year was \$500, less \$42, overdrawn last year, leaving \$458 for distribution. The applications to the Conference Board, and recommendations by the same to the Parent Society for aid are as follows: Ten Mile Creek, Charleston District, asked aid in the sum of \$200, the Board recommended \$100; Mt. Hebron, Clarksburg District, asked for \$100, the Board recommended \$50; Bridgeport, Clarksburg District, applied for \$125, the Board recommended \$125; Cherry Camp, Clarksburg District, applied for \$50, the Board recommended \$50; Big Tygart applied for \$200, the Board recommended \$100, which by the Parent Society was reduced to \$50.

The amount recommended by the Conference Board this year is \$425. The amount donated by the Parent Society \$375.

But in the case of Ten Mile Creek, Mt. Hebron and Big Tygart, by the Parent Society, the donations are made available only when the applicants shall give assurance to the Parent Society, that the last indebtedness on their churches will thereby be paid. Why these stringent measures, or why the above cases are made an exception to the general rule, your Conference Board is wholly unable to account.

Your Board would earnestly recommend that the disciplinary rules and methods of our Church Extension Society, be more carefully and faithfully observed and carried out by all the preachers of Conference, and that our people be urged to give more liberally to the support of this cause.

The following names are recommended as the Conference Board for the coming year:

<i>President</i> —G. MARTIN,	<i>Cor. Secretary</i> —S. W. DAVIS,
<i>Vice President</i> —C. D. HUBBARD,	<i>Rec. Secretary</i> —JOHN BAILIE,
<i>Treasurer</i> —JAMES REED.	
J. L. CLARK,	T. H. TRAINER,
J. B. FEATHER,	A. J. LYDA,
JOHN HERRON,	G. M. HAGANS.
J. E. SISSON,	

(Signed)

G. MARTIN, *President.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Church Extension report that during the year the following amounts have been raised on the districts:

Morgantown.....	\$22 50	Charleston.....	\$ 3 00
Wheeling.....	23 00	Guyandotte.....	
Clarksburg.....	22 40		
Parkersburg.....	3 00		
			\$73 90

We are sorry that the amounts apportioned to the various charges at our last Conference have not been raised. We think that by persistent effort this might be done the coming year. Therefore,

Resolved, That we apportion the amount to be raised on the districts as follows :

Morgantown.....	\$200	Charleston.....	\$100
Wheeling.....	250	Guyandotte.....	50
Clarksburg	200		
Parkersburg	200		\$1,000

Resolved, That when these sums are apportioned among the various charges the preachers are earnestly requested to raise the same.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.

S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Office, No. 1018 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

OFFICERS:

BISHOP SIMPSON, D.D., *Pres't*. ALPHA J. KYNETT, D.D., *Cor. Sec'y*.

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ORGANIZATION.

The Church Extension Society was organized by direction of the General Conference of 1864, and was incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, March 13th, 1865. On recommendation of the Board of Managers, the Constitution was revised, and the Society more closely identified with the Church, by the General Conference of 1868. The charter was revised to correspond, by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, March 11, 1869.

The Society embodies

1. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.—This meets in Philadelphia in November of each year, and determines, for the year ensuing;

1. The amount the church shall be asked to contribute through the regular collections;

2. The amount that may be appropriated by donations and loans; and,

3. The distribution of both collections to be made and appropriations authorized, among the Conferences severally.

Composed of one member from each Episcopal District acting jointly with the Bishops and Managers, this Committee is well calculated to secure an equitable distribution of the burdens and benefits of the Society.

2. THE PARENT BOARD OF MANAGERS.—This is charged with "the management and disposition of all the affairs and property of the Society." But in making appropriations it must recognize the limits fixed by the General Committee.

3. IN EACH CONFERENCE, THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.—This “has charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension within the bounds of the Conference.” It should see that the amount asked of the Conference is distributed for collection among the several districts and pastoral charges, and carefully examine and determine upon all applications for aid from within the Conference recommending appropriations, only within the limits fixed by the General Committee.

INCOME.

This is derived from two sources :

1. *From Annual Collections*, creating

THE GENERAL FUND.

The amount desired, each year, for this fund, of the several Conferences, districts, and pastoral charges, is indicated to each in the manner above described. It is by the discipline made the duty of each pastor to “preach a sermon on this subject in each congregation once in every year, and solicit contributions from each in aid of the Church Extension Society.” It is expected that each congregation will contribute the amount that has been indicated, and that the Parent Society will thereby receive the aggregate amount asked for by the General Committee, Bishops, and Managers. The Parent Board keeps an accurate account with each Conference, and each Conference Board with every pastoral charge. The annual report of the Parent Society will contain an exhibit of the amount asked and received of each Conference, and that of the Conference Board of the amount asked and received of each district and pastoral charge.

2. *From Special Donations and Bequests* creating

THE LOAN FUND.

There are a multitude of cases, too weak to build within themselves, that would soon become strong by building a suitable church. If such could be aided by a temporary loan, bearing little or no interest, they would build at once, thereby securing large increase of strength, and in a few years would cheerfully return the amount borrowed, to be loaned again to others in like manner. To meet cases of this kind the *Loan Fund* is proposed under the following provisions :

“*First*, no part of said Fund shall ever be donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but shall be preserved, without diminution, a *perpetual fund*.”

“*Secondly*, said Fund may be loaned to any church or society, without interest, in small sums, in no case exceeding five thousand dollars, or with interest, as occasion may require, and the Board shall from time to time determine, in aid of the objects of the Church Extension Society.”

“Sums of five thousand dollars and upward, contributed by any one person, Church or Conference, shall be named by the contributor, and shall constitute a separate Loan Fund, and the Corresponding Secretary shall report annually the investment thereof, and the work accomplished thereby.”

In this connection, provisions are made that those who may have means to be devoted to religious uses, but who may need or desire the income

from the same during their lifetime, shall receive an annuity equal to a reasonable interest on the amount they may contribute to "*Loan Fund*;" the said annuity to be paid annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, as the contributor may desire.

If placed here, their means, besides procuring, at least, the ordinary income, will, as their representative, be constantly doing a work of the first importance to the Church, and, under the general provisions for the administration of the Loan Fund, will report results every year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations, by donation or loan, are made upon application by or in behalf of the trustees of the church seeking aid. The application should be upon blank forms furnished by the Parent Board, and *must contain the information therein provided for. Appropriations are made only by the concurrent action of both the Conference and Parent Boards, and nothing less than this constitutes an obligation against the Society.*

BEQUESTS AND DEVISES TO THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Persons desiring to make bequests to the Society by will, are requested to observe the following form :

I give and bequeath to the "CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of _____, and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

FOR DEVISE OF LAND.

I give and devise to "THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the following land and premises, that is to say : (describe land,) to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever.

For further information, see Discipline of 1868, p. 247, the last annual report of the Society, in the same volume with the missionary and other reports, or address the Corresponding Secretary, at No. 1018 ARCH STREET, Philadelphia.

On Sabbath Observance.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath submit the following report :

The observance of the Sabbath is neglected far too much by the members of the church, as well as by society in general. The day should be observed as a day of rest, meditation and religious service.

Therefore, we, as a Conference, renew our determination to preach against Sabbath breaking, and enforce its observance by example.

E. S. WILSON, *Chairman.*

On Freedmen's Aid Society.

WHEREAS, Within the last four years more than three hundred thousand dollars have been obtained through the efforts of the Society, and applied to the relief and education of the freedmen, thereby supplying a pressing want of their condition.

Resolved, therefore, That it has been, and is, one of the most efficient means for the elevation and christianization of these people, and that while amid the multiplicity of calls we can hardly expect a collection from every charge, yet we would heartily commend it to the liberality of our people.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. W. RIDER.

Parkersburg, March 11th, 1871.

On a State Camp Meeting.

WHEREAS, A communication has been addressed to the Conference by the trustees of the Moundsville Camp Ground, asking that a "committee be appointed to act in concert with them, and to make arrangements for holding a State Camp Meeting on said ground if found desirable;" and,

WHEREAS, Your Committee prefer further Conference action than the wording of the communication seems to contemplate; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we cordially accept the invitation so kindly extended.

Resolved, 2d. That we are in favor of holding on the said ground a State Camp Meeting for the promotion of holiness, and the conversion of sinners.

Resolved, 3d. That this Conference appoint an Executive Committee of one from each district, to act in concert with the trustees of said ground, and the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, in making all the necessary arrangements for holding said meeting.

J. L. CLARK, *Chairman.*

F. BALL, *Secretary.*

On Conference Expenses.

The Committee appointed to apportion expenses of General Conference delegates report the amount to be raised this year as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 75	Charleston District.....	\$ 25
Wheeling "	75	Guyandotte "	25
Clarksburg "	50		
Parkersburg "	50		
			<u>\$300</u>

G. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

SAMUEL STEELE *Secretary.*

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 13th, 1871.

On Publishing the Minutes.

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of publishing the minutes of the Conference, would respectfully report to the Conference that we have had the subject under consideration and have concluded that in view of the fact that our fields of labor are so widely distant from each other, we cannot meet together to arrange the matter without great trouble, inconvenience and expense, so that it would be wiser for the Conference to appoint its Secretaries as the Committee.

This consideration is of the greater value because the Secretaries have all the necessary material for the minutes in their hands. We offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publishing the Minutes of the Conference consist of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries, who shall be authorized to attend to all matters connected therewith.

HENRY C. WESTWOOD, *Chairman*.

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Steward's Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the year ending March, 1871.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Preachers.		Presiding Elders.		Confer- ence col- lect's	Parson- age.
		Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.		
MORGANTOWN DIST.							
Morgantown District.....	J. W. Webb, P. E.....	\$ 1,100 00		\$ 1,100 00			
" Station.....	Wm. M. Mullenix.....	1,000 00		125 00		23 00	P
" Circuit.....	George W. Miller.....	600 00	100 00	85 00			
Smithtown.....	Sam'l Harris, Sup.....	380 00		40 00			
Monongalia.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	700 00		90 00		15 75	P
Brandonville.....	C. P. Thatcher.....	575 00	30 00	85 00		20 00	P
"	C. J. Trippett, Sup.....	150 00	5 00				
Grantsville.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	311 34		65 00			P
Kingwood.....	M. McNeel.....	600 00		90 00		24 00	P
Oakland.....	R. M. Wallace.....	732 00	57 75	80 00		26 00	P
Newburg.....	W. C. Wilson.....	700 00		60 00			
Evansville.....	L. D. Casto.....	650 00		75 00		26 00	P
Grafton & Fetterman.....	J. L. Clark.....	700 00		70 00		15 25	P
Palatine.....	W. D. Carrico.....	600 00	110 40	60 00			
Knottsville.....	E. S. Wilson.....	400 00		50 00			
Blacksville.....	C. Conner.....	575 00	103 00	80 00		4 10	P
"	N. L. Baumgardner.....	150 00	16 56				
St. George.....	J. W. Hess.....	455 00	93 68	45 00		1 75	
		\$10,378 34	\$ 516 38	\$ 1,100 00		\$ 155 85	
WHEELING DISTRICT.							
Wheeling District.....	Gideon Martin.....	1,312 00	4 00				
4th Street Station.....	H. C. Westwood.....	2,000 00		220 00		130 00	P
North " ".....	T. B. Hughes.....	800 00		65 10		14 00	P
Island " ".....	S. W. Davis.....	800 00		60 00		40 00	P
Zane " ".....	J. P. Farmer.....	1,800 00		100 00		48 00	300 00
Chapline Street Station.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1,000 00		90 00		44 00	P
South Wheeling " ".....	W. H. Morton, 6 mos.....	300 00	225 00				
Marshall Circuit.....	J. T. McCartney, Sup.....	300 00		40 00		25 00	
"	G. B. Feather.....	665 00	32 94	70 00			
Moundsville Station.....	L. L. Steward.....	200 00	10 98				
"	T. H. Monroe, 7 mos.....	641 67	338 67	75 00			
New Martinsville Circuit.....	S. Hitchens, 4 mos.....	300 00				15 00	
Pine Grove Circuit.....	S. D. Jones.....	575 00	291 60	50 00		2 30	75 00
Mannington " ".....	D. S. Benedum.....	400 00	85 00	50 00			
"	W. F. Cannon.....	600 00		90 00		10 00	
Green " ".....	G. W. McClellan, 6 mo.....	75 00		90 00			
Cameron " ".....	C. H. Conway.....	300 00	100 00	50 00		5 00	
Grave Creek " ".....	M. Dowler.....	400 00		40 00			
"	R. Northcraft.....	650 00	40 22	76 00	4 00	10 60	
"	J. M. McCartney, mos.....	69 66	6 35				
"	G. McClellan, 6 mos.....	75 00	6 35				
Dallas " ".....	D. Cool.....	600 00	40 00	45 00			
Triadelphia " ".....	F. Ball.....	700 00		60 00		13 00	
Short Creek.....	J. M. Warden.....	700 00		75 00		10 75	P
Liberty.....						4 50	120 00
Benwood Station.....	T. H. Trainer.....	920 00		32 00		3 25	
		\$15,488 33	\$1,181 11	\$ 1,308 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 375 40	
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.							
Clarksburg District.....	S. Steele, P. E.....	1,080 00	24 50				
Clarksburg Station.....	G. W. Morgan, Sup.....	360 00		60 00		9 70	
West Milford.....	S. King.....	700 00	61 32	95 00		12 80	P
"	W. H. Young.....	200 00	17 55				
"	A. Rider, Sup.....	200 00	17 55				
Freemansburgh.....	W. E. Lovett, Sup.....	175 00	10 00	30 00			
Weston.....	M. W. Rider.....	385 00		65 00		11 00	P
Frenchton.....	G. Rogers.....	650 00	31 70	80 00		15 00	P
Pruntytown.....	W. L. Hindman.....	580 00		90 00		16 55	
Phillippi.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	525 00	38 71	80 00	4 00		P
Buckhannon.....	H. C. Sanford.....	600 00	80 00	55 00		4 00	100 00
Buckhannon Circuit.....	J. Conwell.....	450 00	15 70	80 00			
Upshur.....	J. W. Reger.....	600 00	100 00	50 00			
Fairmont.....	E. C. Wayman.....	600 00		55 00		32 00	P
Marion.....	M. Allen.....	675 00	80 00	90 00	11 50	8 00	P
Lumberport.....	J. L. Snodgrass.....	310 00		60 00			
Beverly.....	T. M. Hartley.....	500 00		60 00			
Salem.....	J. A. Williams.....	250 00		40 00	9 00	1 00	
Bridgeport.....	J. W. Eckess.....	200 00		40 00		2 95	
		\$ 8,970 00	\$ 472 03	\$ 1,030 00	\$ 24 50	\$ 103 00	

Steward's Report—Continued

Appointments.	Preachers.	Preachers.		Presiding Elders.		Confer- ence col- lect's.	Parson- age.
		Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.		
PARKERSBURG DIST.							
Parkersburg District.....	B. Ison, P. E.....	\$ 1,259 00	\$ 124 24				
“ Station.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	1,200 00		119 00	56 00	50 00	P
“ Circuit.....	J. P. Coleman.....	250 00	38 56	60 00	25 00		P
Williamsport & Elizabeth	B. L. Nicholson.....	700 00	197 14	71 76	18 24	21 82	P
	J. B. Beatty.....	300 00	84 45				
Murraysville.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	500 00	130 72	85 00			
Ravenswood.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....	500 00	63 00	100 00		2 50	
Harrisville.....	A. Hall.....	666 00		100 00		20 00	P
Ellenboro.....	A. Malone.....	375 00	175 00	84 00			
Burning Springs.....	E. B. Blundon.....	750 00		90 00			
West Union.....	W. W. Kelly.....	600 00	165 00	90 00			
Sistersville.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	550 00	50 00	95 00	15 00		
Middlebourne.....	R. R. Highleyman.....	550 00	32 22	85 00		8 25	
Calhoun.....	John Trainer, Sup.....	300 00	115 00	85 00			
Glenville.....	L. A. Tallman.....	450 00	80 00	80 00	10 00		
		\$ 8,950 00	\$ 1,253 33	\$ 1,259 00	\$ 124 24	\$ 102 57	
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.							
Charleston District.....	G. W. Richmond, P. E.....	\$ 1,200 00					
“ Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	800 00		120 00		15 00	
“ Circuit.....	L. H. Jordan.....	600 00	176 00	80 00		5 00	
Nicholas.....	B. Darlington.....	575 00	281 56	80 00		5 00	
“.....	A. J. Perry, Sup.....	125 00	58 68				
Mountain Cove.....	J. W. Griffiths.....	200 00	80 00	80 00			
Braxton.....	S. F. Smith.....	461 00		80 00		2 00	
Raymond City.....	W. Loomis.....	500 00	150 00	80 00			
Elk River.....	G. W. Matheney.....	450 00	153 10	80 00		1 10	
Mill Creek.....	T. B. Ryan, Sup.....	300 00	91 78	80 00			
Buffalo.....	R. Rodgers.....	150 00	25 00	80 00	10 00		
Eel Creek.....	J. L. Ginn.....	200 00	75 09	50 00	10 00		
Point Pleasant.....	S. S. Freeland.....	275 00		70 00		10 00	
Hartford City.....	J. M. Powell.....	1,060 00	162 40	100 00		19 60	
Spencer.....	W. D. Sanford, Sup.....	450 00	175 00	80 00	1 00	1 50	
Webster.....	J. B. Harrah, Sup.....	210 00	51 85	80 00			
Fayette.....	J. Conner, Sup.....	400 00	200 00	60 00			
		\$ 7,960 00	\$ 1,680 37	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 59 20	
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.							
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E.....	\$ 1,080 00	252 55	200 00	appor'n		
“ Circuit.....	S. E. Steele.....	650 00	51 50	85 00		1 00	
Wayne.....	V. Sanford.....	500 00	116 00	54 00	16 00		94 00
Sandy.....	A. Browning, Sup.....	120 00		36 50	13 50		
Monticello.....	Jas. Taylor.....	100 00		70 00			
Winfield.....	B. Hagar.....	400 00	78 15	54 68	15 32	1 00	
Hamlin.....	M. J. Sayre.....	400 00	230 00	70 00		4 00	
Coal River.....	Wm. J. Sharpe.....	385 00	195 00	45 00	25 00		
Boone.....	N. O. Beckley.....	400 00	162 88	37 50	32 50	2 25	
Logan.....	A. Browning, Sup.....	300 00	75 00	29 60	30 40		
Raleigh.....	F. H. J. King.....	400 00	222 56	38 90	31 10	1 00	
Wyoming.....	M. Ownsby, Sup.....	285 00	95 00	30 50	34 50		
Mercer.....	A. Workman, Sup.....	285 00	126 01	46 45	18 55		
McDowell.....				30 00	35 00		
		\$ 5,805 00	\$ 1,604 65	\$ 1,080 00	\$ 252 55	\$ 9 25	

RECAPITULATION.

Districts.	Preachers.		Presiding Elders.		Conference collections.
	Claims.	Deficiencies	Claims,	Deficiencies.	
Morgantown District.....	\$ 10,378 34	\$ 516 39	\$ 1,100 00	.....	155 85
Wheeling "	15,483 33	1,181 11	1,308 00	4 00	375 40
Clarksburg "	8,970 00	472 03	1,030 00	24 50	103 00
Parkersburg "	8,950 00	1,253 33	1,259 00	124 24	102 67
Charleston "	7,960 00	1,680 37	1,200 00	21 00	59 20
Guyandotte "	5,805 00	1,604 65	1,080 00	252 55	9 25
	\$ 57,446 67	\$ 6,717 88	\$ 6,981 00	\$ 426 29	\$ 841 77

Respectfully Submitted,

E. J. STONE, *Sec'y.*

R. M. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

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STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1871.

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.							Sunday Schools.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	Mission'y Soc'y		For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
												Church- es.	Sunday Schools.									
Morgantown District.																						
Morgantown Station.....	212	1	55	4	.....	5	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 2,000	.....	\$257 65	\$60 00	.....	\$ 7 00	121 00	\$ 7 00	1	21	210	300	
Morgantown Circuit.....	850	3	76	2	8	3	5	4,000	.....	.....	.....	10 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	80	480	1400	
Monongalia ".....	650	5	92	4	25	30	7	3,000	1	800	15 75	22 68	.....	.....	2 00	5 33	.....	8	50	250	1050	
Grantsville ".....	233	4	69	2	16	46	5	3,500	1	200	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	70	280	750	
Brandonville ".....	534	5	20	4	21	8	5	5,000	1	1,000	20 00	69 00	.....	10 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	6	43	220	735	
Smithtown ".....	270	3	38	3	32	13	6	2,000	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	6	40	250	500	
Oakland ".....	392	2	79	1	9	16	5	5,600	1	2,000	26 00	63 00	.....	3 00	3 00	5 50	7 00	9	96	463	1825	
Kingwood ".....	476	1	69	1	15	5	3	4,100	1	2,400	24 00	18 35	67 04	.....	.....	40 00	.....	9	50	550	1300	
Blacksville ".....	550	13	127	5	25	3	9	10,000	1	1,000	4 10	36 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	130	575	1700	
Evansville ".....	450	1	130	4	40	25	8	6,000	1	500	25 00	57 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	40	250	600	
Newburg ".....	180	1	50	.....	9	13	2	6,000	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	95	200	
Knottsville.....	264	3	50	1	6	30	5	2,000	.....	.....	.....	14 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	30	250	100	
Fetterman and Grafton.....	224	3	49	1	6	7	2	1,600	1	2,500	15 25	24 97	15 03	2 00	1 00	16 50	12 00	2	27	182	283	
Palatine Circuit.....	320	4	78	4	9	.....	6	7,300	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	39	920	1050	
St. George ".....	210	1	30	1	1	16	5	2,000	.....	.....	1 75	22 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	52	236	928	
Total.....	5815	50	1012	37	222	220	74	\$72,100	9	\$12,400	131 85	\$657 71	142 07	\$22 50	\$15 00	191 33	\$29 00	92	833	5191	12,721	
Wheeling District.																						
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	346	3	26	1	2	19	1	\$80,000	1	\$ 5,000	130 00	\$500 00	.....	.....	\$30 00	\$45 00	30 00	1	35	450	1390	
Wheeling North Street.....	146	2	72	1	.....	24	1	6,000	1	1,800	14 00	18 00	23 50	.....	1 50	5 00	2 50	2	41	365	750	
Wheeling Island.....	129	3	30	2	4	7	1	1,500	1	2,500	40 00	55 00	71 28	.....	.....	23 00	5 42	1	20	230	700	
Wheeling Zane Street.....	271	3	95	3	17	23	1	15,000	.....	.....	48 00	57 50	.....	.....	3 70	5 50	8 05	1	35	265	450	
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	170	2	24	2	6	39	1	3,000	1	3,000	44 00	150 00	.....	.....	2 85	5 10	1 70	1	28	200	219	
South Wheeling.....	62	1	4	.....	.....	11	1	1,000	.....	.....	3 25	16 75	14 65	.....	.....	50	.....	1	30	125	450	
Marshall Circuit.....	245	.....	39	4	8	16	7	10,000	1	400	25 00	62 00	.....	2 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	1	33	356	1100	
Moundsville Station.....	155	2	56	1	5	2	1	5,000	1	1,000	15 00	10 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	33	210	464	
New Martinsville Circuit.....	164	1	23	1	4	3	3	3,200	.....	.....	2 30	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	30	90	.....	
Pine Grove ".....	267	2	36	6	20	7	4	750	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	24	98	.....	
Mannington ".....	425	6	100	8	38	3	9	6,500	1	600	10 00	37 50	.....	.....	4 20	.....	.....	3	80	400	1000	
Greene ".....	187	2	41	3	18	6	5	2,500	.....	.....	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	150	600	
Cameron ".....	100	4	56	.....	1	2	2	3,500	.....	.....	.....	9 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	110	250	
Grave Creek.....	310	4	26	1	13	18	3	10,000	.....	.....	10 60	32 50	.....	3 85	2 10	4 65	4 00	3	65	330	1200	
Dallas Circuit.....	425	3	31	1	10	11	3	4,000	.....	.....	.....	32 35	6 00	8 85	.....	.....	.....	3	15	200	400	
Triadelphia Circuit.....	160	3	61	.....	3	4	3	6,000	1	4,000	13 00	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24	110	25	
Short Creek and Liberty Circuit.....	115	1	21	.....	4	10	2	7,000	1	500	10 75	16 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	28	100	300	
Benwood Circuit.....	75	2	24	.....	7	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	26	151	288	
Total.....	3752	44	766	34	160	220	53	\$167,950	9	\$18,800	375 40	1,061 75	121 43	\$14 70	\$50 85	\$59 75	\$54 17	53	632	4040	9406	

STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1871.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.						Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Scholars.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Clarksburg District.																				
Clarksburg.....	111	3	2	2	.....	.....	1	\$ 11,000	.....	.....	\$ 9 67	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	9	80	230	400
West Milford.....	800	5	150	5	31	24	11	11,000	1	\$ 700	12 80	\$ 44 15	\$ 1 60	1 00	\$ 1 35	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freemansburgh.....	123	3	50	4	3	.....	1	1,000	.....	.....	5 50	5 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	85	180
Weston.....	180	12	18	1	16	11	3	2,000	1	3,000	11 00	26 08	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5	40	200	1125
Frenchton.....	579	6	155	8	10	23	9	6,800	1	600	5 00	46 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	140	500	500
Pruntytown.....	255	2	4	2	.....	1	7	6,800	1	100	16 55	85 77	3 10	10 00	3 00	2 30	3	41	147	623
Phillippi.....	368	6	53	6	20	.....	9	4,000	1	700	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	50	250	600
Buckhannon.....	205	4	10	1	5	3	3	2,500	.....	.....	4 00	42 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 00	3	25	160	275
" Circuit.....	326	5	75	6	13	.....	7	3,400	.....	.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	60	250	425
Upshur.....	400	1	46	3	20	.....	7	1,200	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	25	150	400
Fairmont.....	138	.....	12	3	.....	20	1	6,500	1	1,200	32 00	31 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1	16	130	300
Marion.....	270	2	70	1	10	13	7	5,000	1	750	8 00	20 00	.....	.....	6 00	2 00	6	71	260	700
Lumberport.....	350	5	200	2	30	.....	6	2,700	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	185	150
Beverly.....	182	1	23	5	10	.....	5	2,500	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	1	10	30	150
Bridgeport.....	97	.....	10	1	7	.....	4	2,000	.....	.....	2 95	11 70	12 50	50	65	25	2	12	60	100
Salem.....	155	.....	23	2	15	.....	4	2,800	.....	.....	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	125	.....
Total.....	4,531	42	910	50	190	95	85	\$69,200	7	\$77,050	\$ 93 30	\$ 321 35	\$23 40	\$ 17 00	\$24 00	\$ 6 35	69	630	2762	5728
Parkersburg District.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	350	4	60	2	11	18	1	\$16,000	1	\$ 4,000	\$ 30 80	\$350 00	.....	\$ 13 64	.....	\$ 2 00	2	41	375	850
" Circuit.....	280	2	80	3	7	3	3	1,350	1	500	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	63	300	1207
Williamsport.....	326	2	79	5	42	.....	7	6,000	1	1,400	21 82	19 31	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	50	300	500
Murraysville.....	260	3	2	2	5	5	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	213	444
Ravenswood.....	230	4	85	4	46	1	2	2,300	1	500	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	213	444
Harrisville.....	612	2	80	5	11	23	7	4,400	1	1,000	20 00	86 30	8 25	.....	15 00	2 50	13	135	550	1745
Ellenboro.....	300	.....	50	4	.....	.....	6	2,500	.....	.....	24 85	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	3	27	125	100
Burning Springs.....	102	.....	43	1	23	4	2	2,500	1	300	.....	6 00	.....	.....	24 05	.....	1	11	129	250
West Union.....	285	6	50	2	1	.....	6	2,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 65	.....	7	72	810	1150
Sistersville.....	230	3	60	3	16	2	6	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	30	150	300
Middlebourne.....	472	8	162	6	25	5	9	6,000	1	400	8 25	10 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	5	50	350	350
Calhoun.....	330	3	30	1	31	1	2	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	56	240	447
Glenville.....	206	2	23	4	3	7	4	1,850	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	40	150	427
Total.....	3,983	39	784	42	221	59	56	\$49,700	7	\$8,100	\$ 82 32	\$502 96	\$ 8 25	\$ 13 64	\$73 70	\$ 4 50	61	615	3192	7770

STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1871.

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MINUTES OF WEST V. A. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Benevolent Contributions.							Sunday Schools.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	Mission'y Soc'y.	Sunday Schools.	For Church Extension Soc'y.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
Charleston District.																						
Charleston Station.....	114	2	13	3	.....	15	1	\$7,000	1	\$1,500	\$15 00	\$55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1 00	1	21	125	200	
" Circuit.....	306	3	123	3	12	.....	1	4,000	1	800	5 00	23 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	7	43	300	390	
Nicholas Circuit.....	429	5	65	5	12	22	4	2,500	1	200	5 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	56	225	555	
Mountain Cove Circuit.....	159	.....	90	2	1	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	5 69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	140	100	
Braxton Circuit.....	170	1	49	3	14	4	3	1,400	.....	.....	2 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8	70	67	
Raymond City Circuit.....	180	.....	27	3	6	3	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	10 45	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	75	150	
Elk River Circuit.....	217	.....	51	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	33	150	280	
Mill Creek Circuit.....	120	.....	95	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	18	65	110	
Buffalo Circuit.....	127	.....	37	2	11	3	2	1,100	.....	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	38	150	720	
Point Pleasant Circuit.....	90	2	60	2	.....	.....	4	3,000	.....	.....	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	22	110	300	
Hartford City Circuit.....	190	2	49	4	4	18	3	5,000	.....	.....	19 60	34 81	2 50	.....	.....	\$21 00	2 50	3	46	355	903	
Spencer Circuit.....	362	2	42	4	1	2	1	1,000	.....	.....	1 50	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	5	25	175	350	
Webster Circuit.....	79	.....	19	3	.....	9	1	250	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	7	50	80	
Payette Circuit.....	110	2	80	5	16	.....	3	300	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	25	200	200	
Bell Creek Circuit.....	180	.....	100	5	.....	10	2	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	18	100	200	
Total	2,833	19	900	50	80	91	26	\$27,150	3	\$2,500	\$59 20	\$239 86	\$ 2 90	\$3 00	.....	\$21 00	\$4 50	56	395	2,290	4,615	
Guyandotte District.																						
Guyandotte Circuit.....	207	.....	74	4	16	5	2	\$4,500	.....	.....	\$ 1 00	\$12 00	.....	.....	\$1 00	\$20 00	.....	5	35	220	700	
Wayne Circuit.....	326	2	100	5	48	8	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	9 40	.....	4	48	187	400	
Hamline Circuit.....	137	1	105	5	.....	.....	1	300	.....	.....	4 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	\$1 00	.....	7	58	214	280	
Monticello Circuit.....	72	.....	20	4	4	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	2	10	24	140	
Winfield Circuit.....	134	3	140	1	5	9	5	4,000	.....	.....	1 00	4 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	40	240	500	
Coal River Circuit.....	190	2	20	4	.....	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	130	150	
Boone Circuit.....	330	1	77	5	2	26	2	250	.....	.....	2 25	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	2 00	.....	3	20	100	250	
Raleigh Circuit.....	380	3	20	3	8	2	3	500	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	50	25	
Mercer Circuit.....	200	4	24	1	4	20	1	100	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	60	.....	
McDowell Circuit.....	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wyoming Circuit.....	214	2	35	.....	14	27	1	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	140	180	
Logan Circuit.....	122	.....	93	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	31	80	
Sandy Circuit.....	146	1	37	3	5	.....	2	800	.....	.....	.....	4 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total	2,551	19	745	37	113	102	22	\$12,250	.....	.....	\$ 9 25	\$55 95	.....	.....	\$1 00	\$34 40	\$3 60	38	288	1,396	2,705	

STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1871.

RECAPITULATION.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.								Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	Miss'y Soc'y.				For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
												Churches.	Sunday Schools.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.							
Districts.																						
Morgantown District.....	5,315	50	1012	37	222	226	74	\$72,100	9	\$12,400	\$131 85	\$793 78	.....	\$22 50	\$15 00	\$191 33	\$29 00	92	833	5,191	12,721	
Wheeling District.....	3,752	44	766	34	160	226	53	167,950	9	18,800	375 49	1183 18	.....	14 70	50 85	89 75	54 17	53	632	4,040	9,406	
Clarksburg District.....	4,642	45	912	52	190	95	85	69,200	7	77,050	93 30	321 35	.....	23 40	17 00	24 00	6 34	69	630	2,762	5,728	
Parkersburg District.....	3,983	39	784	42	221	59	59	49,700	7	8,100	82 32	502 96	.....	8 25	13 64	13 70	4 50	61	615	3,192	7,770	
Charleston District.....	2,838	19	900	50	80	91	91	27,150	3	2,500	59 20	242 76	.....	3 00	.....	21 00	4 50	56	395	2,290	4,615	
Guyandotte District.....	2,551	19	745	37	113	102	102	12,250	.....	.....	9 25	55 95	.....	.....	1 00	84 40	3 60	38	288	1,396	2,705	
Total	22,965	213	5117	250	987	787	316	\$398,350	35	\$48,850	\$751 32	\$3099 98	.....	\$69 85	\$97 49	\$374 18	102 11	369	3393	18,871	43,035	
Total last year.....	21,655	224	6198	254	1166	719	293	386,630	35	47,850	865 23	3086 54	.....	15 53	47 97	486 17	86 57	357	3256	17,801	38,569	
Increase.....	1,306	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	23	\$11,720	.....	\$1,000	.....	13 44	.....	\$54 32	\$49 52	.....	\$15 54	12	137	1,070	4,466	
Decrease.....	.....	11	1081	4	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$113 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$111 99	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

FINANCIAL PLAN

*As Amended and Adopted by the West Virginia Annual Conference,
March 19th, 1863.*

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preachers, or Preachers in each Circuit or Station shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, traveling and moving expenses and support for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the Circuit or Station according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the leader and steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the Circuit or Station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Stewards to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of the leader, or class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder in every Quarterly Conference of his District to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any; to inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that District or

Circuit or Station, or the Preacher in charge to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at every Quarterly Meeting to make a report of all the members present, of the state of the finances of the Circuit or Station, stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the Quarterly Meeting of the amount of their deficiencies individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his District, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required at the first Quarterly Meeting of this year in each Circuit or Station to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the Estimating Committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last Quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards and Estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline.

PART II—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate from each Presiding Elders' District, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election as heretofore; the latter by a majority of votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the District Stewards. Each Law Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of Finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference, the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of deceased Preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different districts, according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the District Steward's Meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his District, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the Circuits and Stations of the District, according to their several ability; but if in any District, no District Steward's Meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that District and any two Preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each Preacher in charge, to collect, if possible, in such manner as the Quarterly Conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

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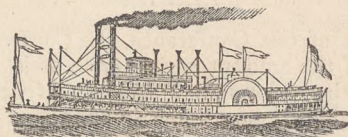
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MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-Fifth Session in the Fourth Street Church, Wheeling, West Virginia, March 6th, 1872, Bishop M. Simpson, presiding.

Secretaries—J. L. Clark, W. H. Morton, S. W. Davis, T. M. Hartley.

COMMITTEES.

On Memoirs—S. Steele, G. Martin, W. R. White.

On Public Worship—The Presiding Elder and Preachers in the City.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—R. M. Wallace, F. Ball, S. King, J. W. W. Bolton, J. A. Kibbe, S. E. Steele.

Board of Stewards, Lay—Col. Hooton, W. C. Brockunier, N. Goff, Jas. Clauston, L. D. Hagar, G. W. Atkinson.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—W. M. Mullenix, W. H. Morton, E. C. Wayman, C. E. Manchester, S. D. Jones, A. Martin.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Wilson, A. Hall, F. M. Hughes, W. W. Kelley, S. E. Steele, W. E. Loomis.

On Periodicals—M. McNeel, C. H. Conway, A. J. Lyda, R. R. Highleyman, S. E. Steele, J. S. Freeland.

On Tracts—J. J. Dolliver, W. F. Cannan, W. L. Hindman, R. S. Welsh, B. Hagar, J. M. Powell.

On Bible Cause—J. P. Thatcher, L. H. Jordan, J. W. Griffiths, H. C. Sanford, J. P. Coleman, W. R. White.

On Temperance—W. C. Snodgrass, T. B. Hughes, M. Allen, E. C. Woodruff, S. D. Jones, W. E. Loomis.

To Audit Presiding Elder's Accounts—J. M. Warden, R. Northcraft, B. Darlington, C. Conner, E. B. Blundon, S. E. Steele.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Observance of Sabbath—W. M. Mullenix, J. B. Feather, J. M. Powell, T. M. Hartley, S. D. Jones.

On Publication of Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Funds for Minutes—E. S. Wilson, T. B. Hughes, G. Rogers, J. F. Chenoweth, N. C. Beckley.

Conference Reporter—W. M. Mullenix.

On Post Offices—L. D. Casto, D. Cool, J. F. Snodgrass.

On Freedman's Aid Society—A. Martin, E. W. Ryan, M. W. Rider, J. W. W. Bolton, B. Hagar, J. S. Freeland.

On Preachers' Aid Society—A. Martin, H. C. Westwood, A. J. Lyda, E. B. Blundon, S. Steele, V. Sanford.

On the Appeal Case of J. H. Gibson—R. M. Wallace, T. B. Hughes, J. J. Dolliver, W. L. Hindman, E. C. Wayman, S. King, J. W. Reger, J. M. Warden, R. Northcraft—M. TITCHENEL, Chairman; S. W. DAVIS, Secretary.

Committee to Visit the Lay Electoral Conference.—A. Martin, G. Martin, M. Titchenel, A. J. Lyda, S. Steele.

To Visit Wheeling Female College—Dr. H. C. Westwood, Dr. G. Martin, E. W. Ryan, J. W. W. Bolton, Hon. C. F. Scott, G. W. Atkinson, Dr. T. Kennedy.

Board of Control of Allegheny College—Dr. A. Martin, Hon. N. Goff, A. T. Wade, G. W. Richmond.

Visiting Committee of Allegheny College—W. M. Mullenix, J. L. Clark, S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

First Year—J. W. W. Bolton, S. E. Steele, J. M. Warden.

Second Year—S. B. D. Prickett, W. W. Kelley, B. Darlington.

Third Year—V. Sanford, L. H. Jordan, E. C. Wayman.

Fourth Year—E. W. Ryan, J. A. Kibbe, J. J. Dolliver.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS..

Deacons—R. S. Welsh, M. McNeel.

Elders—M. Allen, W. F. Cannan.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—R. M. Wallace.

Alternate—M. McNeel.

To Preach Conference Sermon—M. Allen.

Alternate—F. Ball.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANS.—H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, M. A. W. Young, John S. Laughlin, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, J. Eikleberger, W. C. Griffiths.

QUES. II.—Who remain on trial?

ANS.—F. B. Hornbrook, J. A. H. Wilson, G. C. Shaeffer, J. F. Snodgrass, W. E. Rippey, W. W. Harper, T. F. Faulkner, M. G. Sayre, R. Weese, J. F. Chenoweth, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Allemong, J. W. Griffiths.

QUES. III.—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, L. L. Stewart, G. W. McClelland, C. J. Trippett, J. T. McCartney, J. B. Beatty, N. C. Beckley.

QUES. IV.—Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—*First Year*—N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, L. L. Stewart, G. W. McClelland, C. J. Trippett, J. T. McCartney, E. C. Woodruff, J. B. Beatty, N. C. Beckley, L. A. Tallman.

Second Year.—M. Bowler, J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, W. D. Carrico, W. J. Sharps, J. W. Hess, F. M. Hughes, W. H. Wiley.

QUES. V.—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—J. N. Eckess, W. E. Loomis, E. S. Wilson, W. C. Snodgrass, L. H. Jordan, J. P. Coleman.

QUES. VI.—Who have located this year?

ANS.—R. R. Highleyman.

QUES. VII.—Who are the supernumerary Preachers?

ANS.—M. Titchenel, A. J. Lyon, J. B. Pinchen, W. H. Shaw, E. Ford, A. B. Rohrbaugh, S. Hitchen, S. R. Dawson, S. E. Steele.

QUES. VIII.—Who are the superannuated Preachers?

ANS.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, R. F. Rogers, J. L. Sandford, G. Monroe, S. D. Jones.

QUES. IX.—Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

ANS.—None.

QUES. X.—Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

ANS.—None.

QUES. XI.—Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

ANS.—Their names were called before the Conference.

QUES. XII.—Who have died this year?

ANS.—J. L. Irwin.—See Memoir.

QUES. XIII.—What is the number of Church Members?

ANS.—Members,	23,842
Probationers,	5,017
Local Preachers,	256—29,115
Last year,	28,332
Increase,	783

QUES. XIV.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

ANS.—\$8,036 38

QUES. XV.—What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—From Circuits and Stations,	779 67
“ Chartered fund,	\$ 35 00
“ Bequest from Rev. Joseph Alexander,	100 00
“ Interest on funds in hands of Bro. Steele,	6 50
	<u>\$921 17</u>

Which has been disbursed as follows:

<i>Claimants.</i>	<i>Receivers.</i>	<i>Amt.</i>
R. L. Brooks,	Self,	\$160 00
A. Dixon,	J. W. W. Bolton,	100 00
F. Guthrie,	“ “ “	160 00
Widow Smith,	G. W. Richmond,	100 00
“ Warren,	Dr. Warman,	100 00
“ Burns,	G. Martin,	50 00
Vandevort's Children,	D. H. K. Dix,	20 00
R. Weese,	Self,	38 17
G. Jones,	Sam'l Jones,	25 00
C. S. Allemong,	D. H. K. Dix,	30 00
A. F. Morriston,	“ “ “	48 00
R. Hager,	Self,	15 00
B. Hager,	Self,	15 00
S. D. Jones,	Self,	25 00
M. G. Sayre,	Self,	20 00
N. C. Beckley,	D. H. K. Dix,	15 00

QUES. XVI.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Morgantown District.....	J. W. Webb, P. E.,.....	Morgantown, Monongalia Co. W. Va.
“ Station.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	“ “ “ “
	T. R. Faulkner.....	“ “ “ “
Smithtown	J. F. Snodgrass.....	
Monongalia	J. M. Warden.....	Granville, “ “ “
	J. P. Huggins, Sup. }	
Brandonville	G. Crossfield	Brandonville, Preston “ “
	F. B. Hornbrook.....	
Pleasant Hill.....	C. J. Trippett.....	
Grantsville	W. J. Sharpes.....	Grantsville, Alleghany “ Md.
Kingwood.....	W. C. Griffiths.....	Kingwood, Preston “ W. Va.
Oakland	J. L. Clark.....	Oakland, Alleghany “ Md.
	T. W. Chidester.....	
Newburg	W. C. Snodgrass.....	Newburg, Preston “ W. Va.
Evansville.....	L. A. Fullerton, Sup. }	Evansville, “ “ “
	J. T. Rexroad.....	
Grafton.....	S. Steele	Grafton, Taylor “ “
Knottsville & Fetterman. E. S. Wilson.....		Knottsville, Taylor “ “
	G. E. Hite.....	
Palatine	W. D. Carrico.....	Palatine, Marion “ “
St. George.....	J. W. Hess	St. George, Tucker “ “

A Martin, President State University, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

F. W. Wood, Professor of Ancient and Modern Languages, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Wheeling District.....	G. Martin, P. E.,.....	Wheeling, Ohio Co. W. Va.
“ Fourth St.....	H. C. Westwood.....	“ “ “ “
“ North St.....	G. W. Richmond.....	“ “ “ “
“ Thomson Church.....	S. W. Davis.....	“ “ “ “
“ Zane St.....	T. B. Hughes.....	“ “ “ “
“ Chapline St.....	E. W. Ryan.....	“ “ “ “
“ Wesley Church.....	A. J. Lyda.....	“ “ “ “
Marshall.....	T. H. Trainer.....	Moundsville, Marshall “ “
	H. H. Westwood.....	Wheeling, Ohio “ “
Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	Moundsville, Marshall “ “
New Martinsville.....	C. H. Connelly.....	N. Martinsville, Wetzell “ “
	G. W. Parrott, Sup. }	
Greene,	G. W. McClelland	Bellton, Marshall “ “
Cameron	H. C. Sandford.....	Cameron, “ “ “
Grave Creek.....	D. Cool.....	Moundsville, Marshall “ “
	L. L. Stewart.....	
Dallas	R. Northcraft.....	Dallas, “ “ “
Short Creek & Liberty.....	L. H. Jordan.....	West Liberty, Ohio “ “
Triadelphia	S. King.....	Triadelphia, “ “ “
Benwood.....	R. M. Wallace	Benwood, Marshall “ “

W. H. Morton, President Wheeling Female College, and member of Fourth Street Quarterly Conference.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Clarksburg District.....	A. Hall, P. E.....	Fairmont, W. Va.
“ Station	E. C. Wayman.....	Clarksburg, Harrison Co. W. Va.
West Milford.....	M. Allen.....	West Milford. “ “ “
	J. A. H. Wilson.....	
	J. Eikleberger.....	
Salem.....	C. Conner.....	Salem, “ “ “
Smithton.....	R. S. Welsh.....	“ “ “
	W. H. Wiley.....	
Lumberport.....	S. S. Laughlin.....	Lumberport, Harrison “ “
Pruntytown.....	M. Dowler.....	Pruntytown, Taylor “ “
	J. A. Williams.....	
Bridgeport.....	M. W. Rider.....	Bridgeport, Harrison “ “
Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	Fairmont, Marion “ “
Marion.....	W. L. Hindman.....	Barracksville, “ “ “
	(One to be supplied)	
Mannington.....	W. F. Cannan.....	Mannington, “ “ “
Pine Grove.....	D. S. Benedum.....	Pine Grove, “ “ “
Jollytown.....	G. W. Matheny.....	Jollytown, Greene “ Pa.
	J. D. Woods.....	
Blacksville.....	L. A. Tallman.....	
Burton Mission.....	J. Meyers, Sup.....	

Wm. R. White, State Agent for the American Bible Society, and member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.

J. G. Blair, Principal State Normal School, and member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Buckhannon District.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	Buckhannon, Upshur Co. W. Va.
“ Station	J. T. McCartney.....	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit	R. Brooks.....	“ “ “ “
Phillippi.....	J. Conwell.....	Phillippi, Barbour “ “
Upshur.....	L. D. Casto.....	
Beverly.....	J. N. Eckess.....	Beverly, Randolph “ “
Webster.....	(To be supplied).....	Addison, Webster “ “
Braxton.....	M. G. Sayre.....	Braxton C. H., Braxton “ “
Frenchton.....	G. Rogers.....	Centreville, Upshur “ “
Canaan.....	(To be supplied).....	
Weston.....	F. M. Hughes.....	Weston, Lewis “ “
Glenville.....	J. B. Beatty.....	Glenville, Gilmer “ “
Freemansburg.....	W. E. Lovett.....	

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Parkersburg District.....	B. Ison, P. E.....	Parkersburg, Wood Co. W. Va.
“ Station	J. W. W. Bolton.....	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	“ “ “ “
Williamstown Station.....	J. S. Freeland.....	Williamstown, “ “ “
“ Circuit.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	
Volcano.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	
Murraysville.....	F. H. J. King.....	Murraysville, Jackson “ “
Ravenswood.....	W. E. Loomis.....	Ravenswood, “ “ “
	W. W. Harper.....	
Harrisville.....	M. McNeel.....	Harrisville, Ritchie “ “
	D. Tasker.....	

Elizabeth	J. P. Chenoweth.....	Elizabeth, Wirt	Co. W. Va.
Ellenboro'	T. M. Hartley	Ellenboro', Ritchie	" "
Burning Spring.	E. B. Blundin.....	Burning Springs, Wirt	" "
West Union	H. J. Boatman.....	West Union, Doddridge	" "
Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	Sistersville, Tyler	" "
Middlebourne	W. E. Rippey.....	Middlebourne,	" "
Centreville.....	J. P. Coleman.....	Centreville,	" "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Charleston District.....	J. M. Powell, P. E....	Kanawha C.H., Kanawha Co. W. Va.
" Station.....	F. Ball	" " " "
" Circuit.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	" " " "
Nicholas	N. Sanford	Summersville, Nicholas " "
Mountain Cove.....	F. A. Trippett.....	}
	T. P. Ryan, Sup.....	
Raymond City.....	(To be supplied).....	
Elk River.....	M. A. W. Young.....	
Mill Creek	J. M. Griffiths.....	
Point Pleasant & Buffalo.	W. H. Young.....	
Clifton	C. A. Manchester.....	
Hartford City	J. B. Feather.....	
Spencer.....	B. Darlington.....	
Bell Creek.	L. Hill, Sup.....	
Calhoun.	J. T. Davis.....	

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E....	
Guyandotte & Huntington	J. A. Kibbe.....	
Barboursville	G. C. Shaffer.....	
Wayne	N. L. Baumgardner...	
Sandy	R. Hagar.....	
Winfield & Monticello ..	B. Hagar.....	}
	J. T. Carroll.....	
Coal River	C. H. Allemong	
Boone	N. C. Beckley	}
	(One to be supplied) }	
Logan	(To be supplied).....	
Fayette	A. T. Morrision.....	
Mercer	A. Workman, Sup.....	
McDowell & Wyoming...	(To be supplied).....	
Raleigh.....	Renix Weese	

J. P. Farmer, transferred to East Genessee Conference.

QUES. XVII.—When and where shall our next Conference be held?

ANS.—Guyandotte—Time not given.

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>
Charles McLane,.....Morgantown,	Monongalia County, W. Va.
A. L. Wade, "	" " "
F. W. Dean, "	" " "
L. Morman,.....Ice's Ferry,	" " "
Morgan Boyers, ... ..Granville,	" " "
Nelson Watters,..... "	" " "
G. W. Smith, "	" " "
Newton Stewart, .....Laurel Point,	" " "
Israel Rich, "	" " "
Daniel Tichenel, .....Pleasant Hill,	Preston " "
J. C. Robinson, .....Glade Farm,	" " "
C. Ringer .....Morgan's Glade,	" " "
John M. Davis, .....Oakland,	Alleghany " Md.
E. G. Murphy,.....Grafton,	Taylor " W. Va.
F. G. W. Ford, .....Kasson,	Barbour " "
H. L. Cox, "	" " "
D. K. Ford, "	" " "
Jos. Dewitt, .....Johnstown,	Alleghany " Md.
D. H. Friend, "	" " "
Joseph Grubb, E.....White Day,	Preston " W. Va.
T. Hawking,..... "	" " "
J. H. Gibson,.....Albrightsville,	" " "
P. S. Barrack, .....Tunnelton,	" " "
J. J. Davis, .....Winfield,	Marion " "
J. Hawkins, "	" " "
J. Swisher, .....Forksburgh,	" " "
M. Doolittle,..... "	" " "
M. Knotts, ....Fellowsville,	Preston " "
L. D. Casto,.....	

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>
E. J. Stone.....Wheeling,	Ohio County, W. Va.
W. G. Hobbs..... "	" " "
J. Willetts "	" " "
N. W. Patterson "	" " "
J. A. Jefferson "	" " "
J. A. Lancaster..... "	" " "

James Baggs	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, W. Va.
D. Charnock	"	"	" "
S. Jones	Moundsville,	Marshall	" "
G. Pelley	"	"	" "
W. Evans	"	"	" "
W. Wilcox	Pine Grove,	Wetzel	" "
J. Edgell	"	"	" "
J. Musgrave	"	"	" "
J. Hall	"	"	" "
J. D. Snodgrass			
H. Riggs	Moundsville,	Marshall	" "
G. Franklin	Bellton,	"	" "
G. W. Parrott	"	"	" "
D. Cunningham	Mannington,	Marion	" "
W. Conway	"	"	" "
R. Wilson	Dallas,	Marshall	" "
B. T. Charlton	Mannington,	Marion	" "
L. Loveall	New Martinsville,	Wetzel	" "
J. Turner	Moundsville,	Marshall	" "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>		
D. Rector, D.	Clarksburg,	Harrison	County, W. Va.
J. G. Thompson	"	"	" "
James Burns, D.	Fairmont,	Marion	" "
Dan'l Turney	"	"	" "
Aaron Vincent, E.	Shinnston,	Harrison	" "
J. J. Nixon	Boothsville,	Marion	" "
—Huggins			
Stephen H. Ames	Reevesville,	Marion	" "
Geo. S. Riffle	Rock Cave,	Upshur	" "
Isaac W. Vincent	"	"	" "
G. W. Martin, D	"	"	" "
Josiah L. Hawkins	"	"	" "
Lyman Young	"	"	" "
Samuel Wilson, D.	Frenchton,	"	" "
Abram S. Blagg	Walkersville,	Lewis	" "
Elias Robinson, D.	Wilsonburg,	Harrison	" "
Jesse Flowers	Hessville,	"	" "
Eli Sharp	Worthington,	Marion	" "
David S. Pinnell, D.	Buckhannon,	Upshur	" "
Jacob Waugh, D.	"	"	" "
Elias Bennett, D.	Rural Dale,	"	" "
Job Hinkle	Buckhannon,	"	" "
William Ward	Peel Tree,	Barbour	" "
Leper Rogers	Burnersville,	"	" "
Michael Crites	Peel Tree,	"	" "
Hanning Foggy	Beverly,	Randolph	" "
John Rice	New Interest,	"	" "
James W. Lambert	"	"	" "

William P. Daniels.....	Beverly,	Randolph	County, W. Va.
Joseph Teter.....	Belington,	Barbour	" "
Andrew J. Campbell.....	Burnersville,	"	" "
Anthony Tinney.....	Tallmansville,	Upshur	" "
Caleb W. Upton, D.....	Phillippi,	Barbour	" "
David R. Poling, D.....	"	"	" "
Samuel L. Lockney.....	Calhoun,	"	" "
Andrew C. Boyles.....	"	"	" "
Levi S. Kittle.....	Webster,	Tyler	" "
John R. Posten.....	Pleasant Creek,	Barbour	" "
Napoleon B. Johnson.....	Meadowville,	"	" "
—Criss.....	Phillippi,	"	" "
Austin Reeder.....	Flemington,	Tyler	" "
M. W. Davis, D.....	Cherry Camp,	Harrison	" "
Abram Gubert.....	Salem,	"	" "
Wm. E. Lovett.....	Weston,	Lewis	" "
George W. Dean.....	"	"	" "
John Law.....	"	"	" "
Noah Snyder.....	Fink's Creek,	"	" "
Jonathan Holt, E.....	West Milford,	Harrison	" "
Adam C. Rider, E.....	Quiet Dell	"	" "
William B. Stevens.....	Sycamore Dale,	"	" "
Joseph L. Lawson.....	Clarksburg,	"	" "
Samuel Wilson.....	Kincheloe,	"	" "
P. N. Miller.....	Cherry Camp,	"	" "
Joseph B. Frasheur.....	Kincheloe,	"	" "

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>		
J. L. Stewart, L.....	Tollgate,	Doddridge County, W. Va.	
J. T. Hickman, D.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	" "
T. R. Park.....	Ravenswood,	Jackson	" "
S. Ball.....	"	"	" "
S. Williams.....	"	"	" "
W. R. Mahan.....	Cottageville,	"	" "
J. Steele.....	Lockhart's Run,	Wood	" "
C. Stevens.....	Fountain Spring,	"	" "
R. Ranard.....	Williamstown,	"	" "
B. Athey.....	"	"	" "
Levi Newbank.....	Bull Creek,	"	" "
E. McPherson.....	Parkersburg,	"	" "
C. Anderson.....	Bellville,	"	" "
S. M. Robinson.....	Elizabeth,	Wirt	" "
E. Riddle.....	Harrisville,	Ritchie	" "
—Curry, L.....	Ellenboro,	"	" "
J. D. Trainer, D.....	"	"	" "
E. Clayton, L.....	White Oak,	"	" "
J. W. Miller, D.....	Bone Creek,	"	" "
J. Hardman, D.....	Goff's,	"	" "
W. Zerkey.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	" "

T. Crane.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	County, W. Va.
J. W. Amis, E.....	Parkersburg,	Wood	" "
D. King.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	" "
R. Martin.....	Van Camp,	Wetzel	" "
J. Young.....	"	"	" "
Stephen Loveall.....	"	"	" "
D. Meredith, E.....	Centreville,	Tyler	" "
J. Ankrom.....	Middlebourne,	"	" "
C. Anderson.....	Bellville,	Jackson	" "
J. Anderson.....	Sandyville,	"	" "
S. C. Rareden.....	Ravenswood,	"	" "
J. Stewart.....	Greenwood,	Doddridge	" "
J. T. Childers.....	New Milton,	"	" "
W. N. Edgel... ..	Teter's Mill,	"	" "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>		
Jacob Bird, D.....	Mason City,	Mason	County, W. Va.
W. W. Harper, D.....	Hartford City,	"	" "
W. B. Guthrie, E.....	"	"	" "
R. B. Sanford, L.....	"	"	" "
U. Pribble, D.....	Point Pleasant,	"	" "
E. Radabaugh, D.....	Spencer,	Roane	" "
B. Rogers, D.....	"	"	" "
Daniel Skidmore, L.....	"	"	" "
Jacob Pringle, L.....	"	"	" "
W. D. Sanford, D.....	Clendennan,	Kanawha	" "
Charles King, L.....	Charleston,	"	" "
M. Matheney, L.....	Jarrett's Ford,	"	" "
H. Scott, L.....	Charleston,	"	" "
W. A. Woodhull, L.....	Pocotalico,	"	" "
J. P. Withrow, L.....	"	"	" "
Robert McCutchen, D.....	Summersville,	Nicholas	" "
Wm. Grose, D.....	"	"	" "
Samuel F. Williams, L...	"	"	" "
Jacob Grose, L.....	Cross Lanes,	"	" "
Wm. G. Gregory, L.....	Fork Lick,	Webster	" "
Adam Gregory, L.....	"	"	" "
Isaac H. Griffin, L.....	"	"	" "
W. D. Baxter, L.....	Sutton,	Braxton	" "
H. A. Baxter.....	"	"	" "
W. B. Rose, L.....	"	"	" "
Chas. B. Shackelford, L...	Newton,	Roane	" "
A. B. Grose, L.....	Clay C. H.,	"	" "
N. W. Shannon, L.....	"	"	" "
Jas. M. Hypes, L.....	Sycamore,	Clay	" "
J. T. Morton, L.....	"	"	" "
A. Waugh, L.....	"	"	" "
L. D. Hill, D.....	Gauley Bridge,	Fayette	" "
Robert Hughes, L.....	"	"	" "
J. D. Strickland, D.....	Leon,	Mason	" "

John A. Handley, L.....	Mountain Cove,	Fayette	County, W. Va.
Jonathan B. Legg, L.....	"	"	"
J. B. Harrah, L.....	"	"	"
T. D. Honaker, L.....	Fisher's Point,	Jackson	"
L. P. Ryan, L.....	Walton,	Roane	"
A. W. Gregg, D.....	Cheshire,	Meigs	Ohio.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Offices.</i>
R. Brooks.....	Coalsmouth, Kanawha County, W. Va.
T. Davis.....	Charleston, " "
J. S. Moses.....	" " "
S. Estep.....	Newport, Boone " "
R. E. Perry.....	Peytona, " "
W. N. Bias.....	" " "
A. D. Perry.....	" " "
J. T. Carroll.....	Hamlin, Lincoln " "
J. S. Blake.....	" " "
E. Spurlock.....	" " "
A. Browning.....	Logan C. H., Logan " "
J. Browning.....	" " "
A. Workman.....	Marshes of Coal, Raleigh " "
G. W. Crook.....	Jumping Branch, Summers " "
J. F. Wells.....	Marshes of Coal, Raleigh " "
Wm. Turner.....	Matville, " "
Wm. H. Mongola.....	Jarrold's Valley, " "
A. Beckley, Sr.....	Raleigh C. H., " "
U. Hinchman.....	Rich Creek, Logan " "
M. Ownby.....	Blue Stone, Tazewell " "
M. Butcher.....	Guyandotte, Cabell " "
P. B. Louis.....	" " "
R. D. Woolf.....	" " "
J. Taylor.....	" " "
Jas. Peters.....	Bald Knob, Boone " "
D. O. Estep.....	Ballardsville, " "
V. Hinchman.....	Rich Creek, Logan " "

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-Fifth session, in the Fourth Street Church, Wheeling, March 6, 1872,, Bishop M. Simpson, D. D. presiding. The religious services were conducted by the Bishop, who read the 62d Chapter of Isaiah, and gave out the 707th Hymn ; after which M. Titchenel, of the West Va., and T. M. Hudson, of the Pittsburgh Conference, led in prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last conference, and 58 of the members responded to their names.

On motion, J. L. Clark was elected Secretary, and W. H. Morton, S. W. Davis and T. M. Hartley, assistants.

On motion, the hour of 9 o'clock, was fixed as the time of meeting, and 12, as the hour of adjournment ; but in all cases the Session shall be prolonged until the minutes are read and approved.

The usual Committees were appointed. (See list.)

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$35 00, and the draft was ordered.

The memorial services of J. L. Irwin, were fixed for Saturday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, under the direction of G. Martin.

On motion, it was ordered that the Conference Sermon be preached tonight, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered.

On motion, a Committee on a Preacher's Aid Society was appointed. (See list of Committees.)

A communication from the Mission Rooms was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The annual report of the Church Extension Society, was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

On motion, A. J. Lyda, was appointed to receive the collections from the various charges for the expenses of the General Conference Delegates.

The Eleventh Question of the General Minutes was taken up, and the character of the effective Elders was examined and passed.

A resolution requiring duplicates of all resolutions and reports was adopted.

Friday morning at 10½ o'clock, was fixed as the time for electing delegates to General Conference.

Consent was given for the sale of Church property at Grafton.

The Secretary made his Financial Report.

A paper on Conference Boundaries was presented, and laid on the table for future action.

Resolutions on the Episcopacy were presented, and laid on the table for future action.

A communication from the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate was referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned.

After singing the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by J. L. Clark.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1872.

The Conference was opened at 9 o'clock, with devotional exercises, conducted by S. D. Jones.

The roll was called, and fifteen of those absent yesterday, answered the call.

A communication on Education was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The appeal of J. H. Gibson, from the decision of the Kingwood Quarterly Conference was presented, and referred to a Committee for trial. M. Allen, was appointed Counsel for the Appellant, and M. McNeel, on behalf of the Church.

The eighth question of the General Minutes was taken up, and the character of the superannuated preachers was examined and passed. (See disciplinary questions.)

The following preamble and resolution in relation to G. Monroe, was adopted, in connection with his case.

WHEREAS, G. Monroe, a superannuate of the West Virginia Annual Conference, did, at the time of his admission into the Conference, relinquish his claim upon the Conference fund for superannuates: and,

WHEREAS, Bro. Monroe is now in a very feeble state of health, and in need of aid from the Church, therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Stewards, to whom has been referred all necessitous cases, be instructed to take his case into consideration as a necessitous case, for the present year.

G. W. RICHMOND.

G. MARTIN.

The seventh Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

Who are the supernumerary preachers? (See disciplinary questions.)

M. W. Rider and J. A. Williams, were made effective.

The fifth question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year. (See disciplinary questions.)

On motion, a Committee consisting of the Presiding Elders, and A. J. Lyda, was appointed to bring before the Commission appointed by the Legislature, our claims for damaged Church property.

The fourth question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

Who are the Deacons? (See disciplinary questions.)

E. C. Woodruff was examined and passed and continued on the third year's course of study. (See disciplinary questions.)

The second question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

Who remain on trial? (See disciplinary questions.)

F. W. Wood's character passed, and as a Priest in Orders in the Catholic Church, subscribing to our doctrines and discipline, his Orders were recognized.

C. E. Manchester was continued on the first year's studies.

A. Meek and J. D. Woods, were discontinued.

J. N. Rhoades discontinued at his own request.

W. H. Wiley, second class Deacon.

The Parchments of J. M. Phelps were returned to the Conference.

A. J. Lyda was appointed to receive Church extension collections.

The third question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz:

Who are admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders? (See disciplinary questions.)

J. W. Griffiths continued on trial.

On motion, A. Hall was excused from serving on the Committee on the Appeal Case of J. H. Gibson, and R. Northcraft was appointed in his place.

On motion, W. M. Mullenix was excused from serving on the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, and J. M. Powell appointed in his place.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by G. W. Richmond.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 8TH, 1872.

Conference opened at 9 A. M., with devotional exercises by J. L. Clark.

The Committee in the appeal case of J. H. Gibson made the following report:

Resolved, That the decision of the Quarterly Conference, by which he was found guilty, be reversed.

Signed by the Committee.

M. TITCHENEL, *Chairman*.

On motion, Bro. Gibson was permitted to withdraw from the testimony certain business papers of importance to him.

A communication in relation to G. Jones was referred to the Stewards.

A communication from Mercer county, in relation to a building for school purposes, was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Bishop called up to the altar the class of young men to be admitted into full connection, and while dwelling upon the Disciplinary Questions, addressed them earnestly and eloquently; after which, N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, J. B. Beatty, G. W. McClelland, L. L. Stewart, J. T. McCartney and C. J. Trippett were admitted and elected to Deacon's orders.

N. C. Beckley was admitted, being in Deacon's orders.

On motion, a committee consisting of A. Martin, G. Martin, M. Tichenel, A. J. Lyda and S. Steele, was appointed to wait on the Lay Electoral College and arrange for a joint meeting at 3 o'clock.

The following were readmitted: R. Brooks, R. Hager, J. T. Carroll, J. G. Blair, S. R. Dawson and J. T. Davis.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the hand of God in raising up Methodism in these United States from its small beginning in 1766 to its present position in 1872.

Resolved, 2d. That we honor our fathers, who, under God, gave us so safe and so successful a form of church government as we have in the M. E. Church.

Resolved, 3d. That we are uncompromisingly opposed to any radical change in the General Superintendency and the Presiding Eldership in the M. E. Church.

Resolved, 4th. That we instruct and require our delegates to the General Conference to meet at Brooklyn, to firmly oppose a four years term for our General Superintendents.

Resolved, 5th. That we love Methodism as it is, and pray that God may enable us to hand it down to those who may follow us unimpaired in its general features, in its powers and usefulness, and in its success in winning souls to Christ.

M. TITCHENEL,
W. M. MULLENIX,
R. M. WALLACE,
G. W. RICHMOND.

The order of the day, viz: the election of delegates to the General Conference, was taken up.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to four delegates.

On motion, it was decided that a majority of the whole vote was necessary for an election.

The following Tellers were appointed: R. M. Wallace, J. W. W. Bolton, A. J. Lyda. Secretaries—J. L. Clark, W. H. Morton.

On motion, it was ordered that the votes be counted in open Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of G. Crossfield from the Baltimore to this Conference.

On motion, the time of the session was extended, to finish the vote then pending for Delegates to the General Conference.

A communication from Allegheny College was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Tellers having finished counting the vote for Delegates, the Bishop announced the result.

Whole number of votes,	93
Necessary to a choice,	47
A. Martin received.....	55
J. W. Webb,	47
And were declared elected.	

A second ballot was ordered, and the Tellers and Secretaries were authorized to count the vote and report to the Conference at the afternoon session.

After singing the Doxology, the Conference was dismissed with the Benediction, by Dr. Walden.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 8TH, 1872.

Conference met according to adjournment, to receive the Lay Electoral Conference, and exchange fraternal greetings.

The Bishop announced the result of the second ballot for Delegates.

Whole number of votes,	92
Necessary to a choice,	47
S. Steele received.....	52
G. Martin received.....	50

And were declared elected.

The Lay Electoral Conference were introduced, and its President, Dr. Logan, took his seat on the left of the Bishop.

The religious exercises were conducted by the Bishop. The 108th Hymn was sung, and G. Martin and E. J. Stone, united in prayer.

Addresses were delivered by M. Titchenel, Dr. Logan, A. Martin, C. D. Hubbard and Bishop Simpson, after which, the 712th Hymn was sung, and Conference adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 9TH, 1872,

Conference met at 9 o'clock, A. M. Religious services by A. Hall.

The recommendation of Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders was called for, and G. Franklin, W. N. Edgell, R. Wilson, J. A. Lancaster, A. Gregory and T. P. Ryan, were elected to Deacon's Orders.

The recommendation of Local Deacons for Elder's Orders was called for, and there being none, the recommendation of Joseph C. Sidebottom, for the recognition of his Orders, he having been ordained an Elder in the Baptist Church, was presented, and Conference ordered their recognition.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Quarterly Conferences not to recommend any Brother for Ordination who has not read the several books laid down in the Discipline for such candidates.

A. J. LYDA.

F. BALL.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, was read and adopted.

The Stewards presented their reports 1 and 2, which were read and adopted.

On motion, W. M. Mullenix, was authorized to loan the money in his hands for the benefit of Conference claimants, it being a condition of such loan, that Real Estate security shall be required by him.

The report of the Committee on the Tract Cause was read and adopted.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted.

Dr. Walton addressed the Conference on the interests of the Book Concern, urging the circulation of our books.

The vote by which J. D. Wood and A. Mick were discontinued was reconsidered, and a committee of inquiry, consisting of F. Ball, W. L. Hindman and E. C. Wayman, was appointed in their cases.

The Conference ordered an election for two Reserve Delegates by ballot, and that the two having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

The Tellers had leave to retire with one of the Secretaries, to count the vote.

The report of the Committee on the Freedman's Aid Society, was read and adopted.

The Tellers reported the ballot for Reserve Delegates as follows :

B. Ison received 58 ; D. H. K. Dix, 40 ; they having received the highest number of votes, were declared elected Reserve Delegates to the General Conference.

Dr. Butler addressed the Conference on the subject of his Society—"The American and Foreign Christian Union."

The Committee appointed at our last session on our interest in the Centenary Fund, held jointly by us and the Pittsburgh Conference, made a verbal report; and, on motion, the Committee was continued.

The board of Stewards distributed the Funds for the Conference claimants.

F. W. Wood and J. C. Sidebottom, were called to the altar by the Bishop, and took upon them our ordination vows.

The Annual Report of the Church Extension Society, was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The Committee of Inquiry in the cases of J. D. Wood and A. Mick, report that in the case of J. D. Wood, we are of unanimous opinion that there is no ground of complaint, and we recommend that his character pass; and, on motion, his character passed.

In the case of A. Mick, we recommend his discontinuance; and, on motion, he was discontinued.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

After singing the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Rust.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 11TH, 1872.

Conference met at the usual hour, M. Titchenel in the Chair. Religious services by J. M. Powell.

The Conference concurred in the recommendations of the following quarterly Conferences to sell Church property, viz: Sistersville, Winfield, Fifth Street, Wheeling, Benwood and Marshall Circuits; Williamstown, Knottsville and Fetterman.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs, was read and adopted.

The reports of the following Committees were adopted. On Education; on the Bible Cause; on Sunday Schools; on expenses of General Conference Delegates, and on Temperance.

The Conference ordered that in future, the Annual Missionary Sermon shall be preached before the Conference.

That the officers of the Conference Missionary Society shall hereafter be elected by the Conference, on nomination of the presiding Bishop and his Council.

That the annual fee for membership in the Conference Missionary Society be abolished, and that the Conference itself shall be a Conference Missionary Society.

The reports of the following Committees were read and adopted; Committee on Missions; Church Extension Collections; on Periodicals; on the Organization of a Preachers Aid Society.

Resolutions of thanks were passed.

Bro. G. Martin made a report on the Alexander bequest, which was adopted.

The Conference Church Extension Society made their annual report, which was adopted.

The Committee to raise funds for the publication of the Minutes, reported \$69 05 raised for that purpose.

A collection for the Sexton was taken up, amounting to \$16 79.

The Conference joined in singing the 221st Hymn, and was led in prayer by S. Steele.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

M. SIMPSON, *Pres't*.

J. L. CLARK, *Sec*.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Quarterly Conferences not to recommend any brother for ordination who has not read the several books laid down in the discipline for such candidates.

A. J. LYDA,
F. BALL.

ON MISSIONARY SERMON, &C.

Resolved, 1st. That in the future the annual missionary sermon shall be preached before the Conference.

2d. That the officers of the Conference Missionary Society shall hereafter be elected by the Conference on nomination of the presiding Bishop and his council.

3d. That the annual fee for membership in the Conference Missionary Society be abolished, and that the Conference itself shall be a Conference Missionary Society.

H. C. WESTWOOD,
T. H. TRAINER,
W. M. MULLENIX,
A. J. LYDA.

ON BROTHER HIGHLEYMAN.

WHEREAS, Our brother, R. R. Highleyman, purposes to remove to the West and enter our work there; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his labors among us and of his Christian character, and commend him to the confidence of those among whom he may hereafter labor.

B. ISON,
E. C. WAYMAN.

ON LOCAL PREACHERS.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders' report to the next Annual Conference the names and postoffices of the local preachers living within the bounds of their districts.

L. D. CASTO,
W. H. MORTON.

Resolved, That the preacher in charge at Hartford City and S. D. Jones be appointed a committee to look after the interest of the church in bequest of Brother Pumphrey, deceased, late of Hartford City, West Va.

ON THANKS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the families of this city who have cheered our stay among them by their cordial and princely hospitality.

Resolved, 2d. That our thanks are due and are hereby extended to the B. & O. R. R. for the courtesy of half fare rates; and to the steamboat proprietors for reduction of fare to the members of this Conference.

Resolved, 3d. That we reciprocate the liberal Christian sentiments which prompted our brethren of the various churches to offer their houses of worship for the use of our ministers, and we hereby tender our thanks for this courtesy, and pray that the Head of the Church may let His richest blessings rest upon all the pastors and their flocks.

Resolved, 4th. That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby extended to our Presiding Bishop as well for his Presidency over this body as for his more public services.

Resolved, 5th. That the thanks of the Conference are hereby extended to the editors of the Wheeling daily papers for their accurate reports and kindly notices of the proceedings of this body.

W. R. WHITE,
A. HALL,
A. J. LYDA.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown District embraces all of Monongalia and Preston—a portion of Taylor, Barbour, Tucker and Marion counties, West Virginia; also a portion of Alleghany county, Maryland, and parts of Greene and Somerset counties, Pennsylvania. It includes fifteen circuits and stations and a membership of more than six thousand. At the last session of our Conference there were seventy-four churches, valued at seventy-two thousand one hundred dollars, and nine parsonages, valued at twelve thousand four hundred dollars.

In church building we have done and are still doing nobly. Six neat and commodious houses of worship have been dedicated during the past year, and are mostly free from debt. Ten churches are in course of erection, and, we trust, will be completed the ensuing year.

In finances there is a vast improvement over last year. The salaries of the preachers in many of the charges have been increased, and will be reported paid. The contributions for benevolent purposes will equal, if not exceed, those of last year, yet are far below what they should be. Our people are not sufficiently educated on the subject of giving. I have labored faithfully to enforce this duty, and not without some success.

An increased interest is manifested in Sunday Schools, larger libraries have been provided, and they are more numerous attended. The new and very efficient method of instruction recommended by the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union is being gradually introduced. Many of the children have been made the subjects of converting grace, and have united with the Church.

The circulation of our periodicals has been enlarged. Wherever our Church papers are taken and read, the support of the preachers is better, the contributions to benevolent purposes larger, and the interest taken in Sunday Schools greater.

The need of a liberal education is more deeply felt, and large numbers of our people are sending their sons to the State University located at Morgantown, of which Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., of our Conference, is the able and very efficient President. The sons of Methodist parents in attendance at the University receive every attention from the Pastor of Morgantown Station.

The spiritual condition of the District is unquestionably good. The preachers entered upon their work with great zeal and earnestness, and their labors have been crowned with abundant success. In some instances their zeal has exceeded their health and physical powers. They have spared neither labor nor pains in endeavoring to advance the interests of Zion. The Divine Spirit has been poured out in a greater or less degree on all the charges. Revivals of a deeper and purer type than usual have been experienced. About nine hundred and eighty-three have been con-

verted, and seven hundred and sixty-two have been added to the Church. Many have sought and obtained the blessing of perfect love; others are earnestly seeking a deeper work of grace, and are growing like trees planted by the water courses. I find that wherever the doctrine of entire sanctification, as a present privilege, through faith in the blood of Christ, has been prudently but strongly insisted upon, wondrous results have followed.

The preachers are blameless in character, and universally held in high esteem by the people whom they have served. They have treated me with uniform kindness, borne with my many imperfections, and have been always ready to assist in the work of the District; for all which I am truly grateful.

Personally, the past year has been one of great toil and anxiety, yet God has mercifully sustained me. My health has improved, and, with the exception of one Sabbath, have been able for my work. I have a consciousness of fidelity in the discharge of the duties of the District; have had many precious seasons with the brethren; shared largely in spiritual things, and have a comfortable hope of heaven. I love the cause of my Master; I love the Church—

“For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my toils and cares be given
Till cares and toils shall end.”

March 6th, 1872.

J. WESLEY WEBB.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling District, in some respects, has been favored with a degree of prosperity the past year, especially in matters of church building. Four neat and substantial churches, *brick*, have been added to the list, at a cost of near \$30,000. Three other churches, one a neat log and two frames, commenced last year, have been completed and dedicated; and two others are enclosed and being pushed forward to completion. Additionally, the contract for a brick, to take the place of the old stone church at Short creek, has been let at a cost of \$8,000. In this respect the district is certainly doing a commendable work; but in parsonage improvements, not quite so well. We have some good parsonages very good, and some not so creditable; and on several wealthy and otherwise good circuits, none at all. This we find to be a constant source of embarrassment, both to the preachers and people. Now, as good parsonages, in point of interest, stand next to good churches, and as our people are doing so nobly in reference to the one, it is to be hoped they will by no means overlook the other.

In the financial condition of the district there is no material change. In some charges there has been a slight advance in the preachers' salary, in others the reverse. Usually, in estimating the preacher's salary, I fear our people calculate too closely. They make but little or no allowance for contingencies or shrinkage, consequently every failure to meet the full allowance made, involve less or more financial embarrassments on the part of the preachers. In most of the circuits and stations in this district I think the salaries of the preachers will be reported met, or nearly so.

There are, however, some exceptions, involving considerable failures, not, I am inclined to think, for want of financial ability, but for want of system, harmony and energy on the part of those to whom is committed the financial interests of the church.

The collections for benevolent purposes have been taken and will, I am inclined to think, equal, if not exceed, those of last year. I had, however, cherished the hope that for missions, conference claimants and church extension they would be largely in excess of last year. A unanimous and vigorous effort on the part of all immediately concerned, it does seem to me, and all our collections might be greatly augmented. And surely there exists great necessity for it.

The Sunday School interest is gradually increasing throughout the district. The steady aim of the church is to make our schools more attractive and efficient for good; and already the results are quite apparent in the early conversion and more permanent union with the church of a goodly number of our Sunday School scholars.

The spiritual condition of the district is encouraging. The preachers have conducted themselves well, and worked with a zeal worthy their high vocation. Nor has their "labor been in vain in the Lord." The church has been steadily moving forward. Nearly every circuit and station, less or more, has been favored with revival influences, and at some points we have been favored with a most gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our Zion. Believers have been made to rejoice in the blessing of perfect love, and sinners by the hundred, how many I cannot say, have been awakened, converted and added to the church; praised be the name of the Lord.

In regard to myself I can only say I have aimed in all things impartially to do my whole duty. On account of indisposition, or from any other cause, I have not lost a single Sabbath during the year. I have attended as many Quarterly Meetings as possible, and those I could not attend, having twenty more than there are Sabbaths in the year, I supplied, except in one instance, the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the supply. I have been favored with the sympathies, the prayers, the courtesies and co-operation of my brethren in the ministry, for which they have my warmest thanks. And above all, God has been very gracious and near unto me, to Whom be all the glory.

G. MARTIN.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg District, composed of the following appointments, namely: Clarksburg, West Milford, Freemansburg, Weston, Frenchton, Upshur, Buckhannon Station, Buckhannon Circuit, Phillippi, Beverly, Pruntytown, Bridgeport, Salem, Lumberport, Marion and Fairmont, lies in one of the best grazing sections of our State. It is well watered "as the garden of the Lord" by the Tygarts Valley and West Fork rivers and their tributaries. It is rich in its mineral wealth, coal, iron ore, &c., and when intersected by railroads, which will be the case at no distant day, will be one of the most desirable sections of our country to reside in. It is also rich in its historical associations of the late war and the earlier contests between the Indians and the early settlers. Methodism entered this district from the Baltimore Conference upwards of eighty years ago. It was then

small and feeble, but is now the most powerful church organization in the counties over which the district extends. The population of these counties is upwards of 72,000, and were the boundaries of the district coterminous with the counties, one-tenth of this population have a spiritual home in the Methodist Episcopal Church. And were the other denominations of Methodism to return to their spiritual and loving Mother, a consummation devoutly to be wished, the proportion would still be greater. In the district are thirty-two towns and villages. In *nineteen* of these towns we have churches, and we look forward with hope that in a day not far distant when Methodist Episcopal Churches will be built in the remaining thirteen towns.

Several new churches have been built and dedicated during the year, and some are under contract to be commenced as soon as the spring opens.

The preachers were early at their work and were in labors abundant. About 500 conversions and accessions to the church were reported as the result of the various revivals, which were of a powerful character.

The depression in the price of stock has injuriously affected all our benevolent contributions, and in some places the salaries of the ministers; but yet, we have not fallen much behind former years. I feel sorry that the preachers do not generally receive the "comfortable support" directed by the Discipline, but trust that not only will the effective preachers be more fully paid than at present, but also that their salaries will be greatly increased, now that Lay Delegation has been inaugurated under such favorable auspices.

I have now come to the close of my four years' service on the district. They have been years of great toil, made very pleasant, however, by the kindness of my brethren, both in the Ministry and Laity. During the past year I have traveled on horseback between 4000 and 5000 miles, preached 210 sermons, and held 48 Love Feasts and Quarterly Meetings, and also exhorted on all matters pertaining to the church. We have had four very peaceable years. Not a complaint against any traveling preacher, nor a case of appeal to or from any Quarterly Conference in the district. And now, brethren, as the ties by which we have been bound together are about to be severed, accept my very hearty thanks for the kind services you have so frequently and freely rendered to me, and if I in any way have been hasty in word or action, forgive me and think of it only as coming from the head and not the heart. I feel I can sing the Doxology in view of the many mercies I have been the recipient of—

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Wheeling, March 6, 1872.

SAMUEL STEELE.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

The cause of God within the bounds of this District, has made considerable advancement during the past year. The preachers are all good and true men, and have labored with their accustomed zeal and ability; and whilst some have been abundantly blest in their labors, none have entirely labored in vain. And those who may have appeared to have the least success, have been casting bread upon the waters, which will doubtless be seen after many days.

The charges that have been most favored with revival influence, are the following: Burning Springs, Harrisville, Calhoun, Ellenboro' and West Union. Most of the others have had some increase.

Three new churches have been built and paid for in the course of the year; three others have been finished and dedicated—one is in process of erection, and several others will soon be put under contract. The Minutes will show that in some charges there has been financial improvement. In some places our Sunday-School work has prospered, and many of the scholars have been converted to God.

During the year, about seven hundred souls have professed religion, and been added to the church.

The subject of Holiness has excited some attention, and quite a number have professed that blessing. One thing however, is greatly to be regretted, and that is, that our preachers are not better paid.

There is great need of improvement here. Still, in looking over this whole ground, and seeing what has been done for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, there is great cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the church. May the Lord bless my brethren for their kindness to me, and may He, by his Grace, bring us together in Heaven.

B. ISON,

CHARLESTON DISTRICT

Charleston District remains, in point of territory, substantially as reported at the last Conference, except the transfer of Fayette Circuit to the Guyandotte District and the organization of Clifton Circuit.

There are fifteen appointments in the District, ten of which are supplied by the Conference and five by local preachers. The supplies were procured soon after Conference adjourned, all the preachers went to work in the interest of the Church and in the spirit of the Master.

Nearly every charge has been visited during the year with a revival of religion, and many hundreds have been converted. I have not full reports from all the circuits, and cannot give the net increase in members and probationers, but presume it will equal the actual increase of any former year during my term of service on the District.

Some of our circuits have been wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost, and scores of good, substantial citizens have been savingly brought to Christ and into Church fellowship.

The preachers generally have worked hard, and endured patiently the financial embarrassments so much dreaded upon those large mountain circuits. There is some improvement in the giving of our people. Being mostly poor, they give but little; still, in this regard, there is room for much improvement in the future. The opinion is very general that if a man has nothing to give he is excusable; but it is to be hoped our people will learn that a man who refuses to work and earn money with which to support the Church, is just as guilty before God as the man who refuses to give of means already in his possession to aid in the support of the Church. The one refuses to give what he *has*; the other, *what it is his duty to have*. It must not be forgotten, however, that we have a few good men in each circuit, who do all that their circumstances will allow to make comfortable their preachers.

We have advanced slowly with church building this year. The scarcity of money in Southwest Virginia has very much hindered us in our work. We have expended some money on the church at Spencer, also on the Thomson Chapel, on Raymond City Circuit, but neither of them are finished. Braxton Circuit has built and finished one frame building, and the church house at Pleasant Point is nearly completed. Some advance has been made upon the Harrison church, but it remains a monument of the inactivity of that Society. Nicholas Circuit completed one frame house, and has two others on the way. Charleston Station will either build a new church the coming spring and summer or repair the old one. Buffalo Circuit is building a church on Ten Mile Creek, but has been delayed for want of lumber. It will, however, soon go on to completion. At Clifton we have a nice church house that is nearly completed.

The great want of Methodism in Charleston District is church houses. We cannot hold the people, and drill and educate them into their high and holy calling, as followers of Christ, until we get *regular Sabbath homes for the people*. It is an easy matter to get the people interested in religion and converted, but it is very hard to keep them active, zealous Christians, for the want of church buildings. In the mountains of the Great Kanawha Valley and its tributaries the people are poor, and cannot get money to pay their taxes, the preachers, and build churches; or, if they could, do *not*, and are not likely to for many years to come. Ten thousand dollars, appropriated to ten counties, would aid them in building at least fifty good frame churches, which would give that country such improvement as at its present rate of progress it will not gain in many years. I repeat, the one great want of Charleston District is comfortable places of worship and Sabbath homes, in which to train our youth in Sunday Schools, for the Lord and the Church.

Our Church stands equal in spiritual force and efficiency to other branches of the Church of Christ. We are doing as much towards getting the people converted, and our people support their preachers, perhaps, better than sister churches; still, all ministers in these mountain fields suffer for many of the comforts of life.

I am now closing my fourth year on this District. I have nothing to say of myself, other than that I have tried to do my duty. The brethren, clerical and lay, have been very kind, and have placed me under many obligations to them. I have come to feel at home in their midst, and sever my relation from them with many sad thoughts. To my good brethren in the ministry, who have aided me in filling the work and supplying the appointments, I wish to extend my most grateful thanks; and to all, I express the hope that, when life is over, we who labored so successfully and happily together shall meet in Our Father's Home, to share in the rewards of Heaven.

G. W. RICHMOND.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte District lies entirely southwest of the Great Kanawha and New rivers, stretching from the Ohio to the Virginia line, and from the Kanawha to the Sandy river.

In this territory, we have thirteen appointments. Most of these give a

very small support, and we are compelled to have single men, or men of small families. By this, we have men of but little experience, though they do the best they can, and as well as could be expected; yet, we suffer from this cause.

We need Ordained men to administer the Ordinance of Baptism. For want of this, much hard work devolves upon the Superintendent of the District, and after his most careful attention, the Church suffers, he not being able to do all the work demanded. We are compelled to supply some fields by Local Preachers; many of whom are very efficient men, but not being wholly dependent upon the Church for their support, must have their attentions divided, and therefore cannot always give the attention needed to the work.

The Church in the bounds of the District, has materially advanced during the year. In membership, our increase has been very satisfactory, being about three hundred. In probationers near seven hundred. We have had some clear and powerful conversions. I am able to see a decided improvement in spirituality. Many that had but a name to live, have become awake to the life and power of Religion.

In the Benevolent Contributions we have not much improvement, falling off on some, and gaining on others.

On the salary of the Preacher, we have made satisfactory advancement, about sixteen per cent over last year.

I think the people are waking up to the subject, and will still improve in the matter of support.

We have commenced two Parsonages; one at Hamlin, in Lincoln county, and the other at Raleigh Court House. Both of these are being pushed to completion, and will soon be pleasant homes for the Pastors of these charges.

We have been able to pay off the indebtedness of the Church at Barbooursville, and have commenced a Church in Bland county, Virginia.

The great want of the Guyandotte District, is Churches. The co-operation of the Preachers has been cordial and earnest. Peace has prevailed among us. The brethren of the District are a self-sacrificing body of men, looking for their reward beyond this life. God bless them. God bless the District.

D. H. K. Dix.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Temperance.

WHEREAS, This Conference has heretofore made strong deliverances on the subject of Intemperance; and whereas, the evil seems to be on the increase; and whereas, the condition of the confirmed drunkard is that of a sadly diseased man, needing medical treatment; therefore,

Resolved by the West Va. Annual Conference, in Conference assembled:

1st. That we reaffirm our past action on this subject.

2d. That we urge the importance of the passage of such laws as will make the vendor of intoxicating liquors fully responsible for any damage that may result to their customers and families.

3d. That we call the attention of our people and of the citizens generally of the State, to the necessity of establishing a State Inebriate Asylum, to be supported in whole or in part by taxes levied upon those who are licensed to sell liquor.

W. C. SNODGRASS, *Chairman.*

On Bible Cause.

The magnitude of the bible work will never be measured this side of the Great Judgment. As an organized Christian force, it ranks second to no other philanthropic agency. In its unobtrusive operations the American Bible Society is carrying forward silently, but steadily, its work of faith and labor of love. Entangling itself with no political or denominational alliances, it presents its claims to our earnest co-operation. Depending upon voluntary, and, to some extent, periodical contributions, it asks of us, as Christian men, our prayers, our endorsement, and our pecuniary aid. In our own State it acts the part of a missionary, extending its benefactions in the form of grants to needy and destitute sections. It is time, however, that our territory assume the position of a dignified self-support. For the last two years, the returns indicate a diminution in the contributions to this cause. Doubtless the financial pressure and the various local embarrassments affecting our industrial interests have conspired to produce this result; yet it is greatly to be hoped that the ensuing year will develop a wider and more fruitful interest in this great field.

We recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That our acknowledgments are due to the American Bible Society for the aid rendered to Sabbath-Schools, and to poor and sparsely peopled sections of our work.

Resolved, That we will further the interests of this noble work—aiding to the best of our ability in canvassing the field of our operations, and in supplying persons not having, and who are unable to purchase, the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to aid the agent of the Society by our presence, and counsel, and co-operation.

Resolved, That we will present the claim of this work, to the liberality of our people, and urge them to more generous contributions in its behalf.

J. P. THATCHER, *Chairman*.

On Tract Cause.

We, the Committee to whom was referred the Tract Cause, respectfully submit the following report :

The amount of money reported to us from the several charges, is \$71 66, being \$11 69 *less* than was reported last year.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will endeavor to circulate our Tract Publications more extensively, and urge our people to contribute of their means, more liberally for the support of this cause.

J. J. DOLLIVER, *Chairman*.

On the Case of Rev. J. H. Gibson.

Resolved, That the decision of the Quarterly Conference by which he was found guilty be reversed.

MOSES TITCHENELL, *Chairman*.

S. W. DAVIS, *Secretary*.

On Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report :

There has been \$104 56 raised for Sunday School Union, which is an advance on last year of \$5 56; but there has been an apparent decrease in the number of schools and scholars, owing chiefly to a failure upon the part of many of the preachers to hand in their reports; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the preachers are hereby earnestly requested to make their reports the first day of conference.

Resolved, 2d. That as the Sabbath School is the nursery of the church, and a great engine of power for good, therefore we pledge ourselves anew to increase our efforts to promote the interests of Sunday Schools

Respectfully Submitted.

F. M. HUGHES, *Chairman*.

On Camp Meetings.

WHEREAS, A meeting of the Trustees and Board of Control of the Moundsville camp-ground, held at Moundsville, February 27, 1872, unanimously requested the appointment of a Ministerial Committee to act in concert with the Trustees for the purpose of holding a State Camp Meeting some time in August next on said ground; therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. F. Ball, W. C. Wilson, T. H. Trainer, T. B. Hughes, J. L. Clark, E. W. Ryan, Dr. H. C. Westwood, R. N. Wallace, G. W. Richmond and the Presiding Elder be and are hereby appointed that committee.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.

On Freedmen's Aid Society.

The Freedmen's Aid Society had its origin in the Providence of God, and has opened up a way of access to a class of individuals having special claims upon and standing in peculiar need of the benevolence of the church, and though this society has been so recently projected there has been already expended under its direction and for the purposes for which it was organized more than \$275,000.

Its work in day schools, Sabbath schools, and also in higher seminaries of sacred and secular learning, is much needed and gives great promise of doing good.

With all the promise of usefulness in this department, there has been only \$43 50 contributed in this Conference the past year by three appointments. We hope the collections the present year will be more generally taken throughout our work and that our contributions will be much increased.

We submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work in which our Freedmen's Aid Society is engaged of aiding young men called of God to preach the Gospel is worthy of our heartiest sympathy and commendation.

Resolved, 2d. That we will present the claims of this Society to our people and lift a collection in its behalf.

Respectfully Submitted.

A. MARTIN,
E. W. RYAN.

On the Late Alexander Bequest.

Your Committee reports that of the \$500 bequeathed by the late Rev. Joseph Alexander to the cause of Missions and the superannuated preachers of the West Virginia Conference, \$100 at this Conference session has been paid to the Conference Stewards, and \$94 to our Conference Missionary Treasurer by Col. Wm. Alexander, Executor. And further, that the residue will be promptly handed over as it becomes due.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.

On the Preachers' Aid Society.

The Committee on the Preachers' Aid Society submit the following as their report:

In view of the fact that our preachers have given the subject but little consideration we deem it inexpedient to act upon it at this Conference; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we defer action on the question until our next annual session.

Resolved, 2d. That Doctors G. Martin, Westwood and Richmond be appointed a committee to consider the subject and report at our next session such plans as they, in their wisdom, may devise.

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman*.

On Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee report that the vouchers of all the Presiding Elders are correct. The Missionary appropriations have all been paid over as required.

R. NORTHCRAFT, *Chairman*.

On Periodicals.

The Committee on Periodicals submit the following as their report:

Our authorized periodicals are not inferior to any in the land. They are an acknowledged power in the church, elevating the minds and hearts of the people. We recommend all our church periodicals; but as we are more intimately identified, as a Conference, with the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, we claim for it special consideration. The exhibit of the *Advocate* for the year ending December 1, 1871, shows it to be in a prosperous condition, having a circulation of 14,500.

Considering the fact that we have a membership of nearly 29,000, the *Advocate* should have at least 10,000 subscribers among us. We offer the following for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved, 1st. That we will make a vigorous effort to place one of our church periodicals in every Methodist family in our bounds.

Resolved, 2d. That the names, prices and places of publishing the more prominent periodicals of our church be inserted in connection with this report in the Minutes of our Conference.

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman*.

Observance of the Sabbath.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the "Observance of the Sabbath," beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The desecration of the Christian Sabbath prevails to an alarming extent, not only upon our highways of travel—railroad and

steamboats—but in our towns and cities, and among the people generally; and,

WHEREAS, The practice is in violation of the civil law, as well as the law of God; and,

WHEREAS, It is the practice of many of the corporate bodies to intimidate those in their employ by threats of dismissal in case they refuse to work on the Sabbath; and,

WHEREAS, This is one of the prolific causes of many of the crimes that debase humanity and dishonor God; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as Christian Ministers, will firmly, yet prudently, insist upon the observance of the Sabbath by all our people.

Resolved, That we will use our influence to induce corporate bodies to so conduct their works as to relieve their employes from Sabbath work.

Resolved, That we will preach specially on this subject in all our congregations.

J. M. POWELL,
S. D. JONES,
JOS. B. FEATHER,
T. M. HARTLEY.

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions apportion the amount of missionary money to be raised this year as follows:

Morgantown.....	\$ 1,000	Charleston.....	550
Wheeling	1,500	Guyandotte.....	450
Clarksburg.....	900		
Buckhannon.....	700		\$6,000
Parkersburg.....	900		

Respectfully Submitted.

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.
SAMUEL STEELE, *Secretary*.

WHEELING, March 11, 1872.

On Church Extension.

The Committee on Church Extension apportion the amount of church extension money to be raised this year as follows:

Morgantown.....	\$ 200	Charleston.....	75
Wheeling	300	Guyandotte.....	50
Clarksburg.....	150		
Buckhannon.....	100		\$1,025
Parkersburg.....	150		

G. MARTIN, *Chairman*.
SAMUEL STEELE, *Secretary*.

WHEELING, March 11, 1872.

On Church Extension Funds.

The following amounts have been collected from the different Stations and Circuits, for Church Extension.

Palatine	\$ 1 50	Point Pleasant	\$ 1 50
Salem	7 45	Spencer	2 00
Charleston Station	7 10	Dallas	4 00
West Milford	2 65	Marshall	3 25
Freemansburg	4 05	Parkersburg	25 50
Weston	5 00	Short Creek & Liberty	7 00
Chapline St., Wheeling	11 55	Wesley Chapel	4 00
Grave Creek	5 65	Ellenboro'	2 00
Grafton	3 00	Guyandotte paid to Dr.	
Fourth St., Wheeling	300 00	Horner	22 00
Brandonville	5 00		
Hartford City	1 00		\$427 85
Oakland	2 75		

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman.*

On Funds for General Conference Delegates.

The following amounts have been collected from the different Stations and Circuits to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the General Conference.

Parkersburg Station	\$10 00	Chapline St., Wheeling	5 00
Marshall	4 00	Wheeling Island	2 00
Oakland	8 00	Freemansburg	2 50
Harrisville	4 00	Charleston District	25 00
Elizabeth	3 00	Evansville	2 00
West Milford	4 30	Point Pleasant	1 25
Ellenboro'	2 00	St. George	1 60
Boone	2 00	Monongalia	1 00
Smithtown	5 00	Pruntytown	1 00
New Martinsville	2 00	Benwood	2 00
Knottsville & Fetterman	5 00	Pine Grove	2 00
Clarksburg	2 50	Short Creek & Liberty	5 00
Triadelphia	6 50	Brandonville	4 70
Greene	2 00	Frenchton	4 50
Centreville	2 00	Coal River	1 00
Mannington	5 00		
Fourth St., Wheeling	10 00		\$137 74

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman.*

Secretary's Financial Report,

FUNDS.

Collection taken up last Conference for Secretary's Expenses \$11 93

EXPENSES.

On Conference Trunk last Session	\$ 25	
Paper, Envelopes, Postage, &c.....	33	
Postage on Half Fare Tickets returned to Comp.....	18	
Envelopes for Statistics for use of Conference	3 75	
“ for the ensuing year.....	5 00	\$10 11
Balance in my hands		\$ 1 82

On Education.

It is fitting that we call attention once more to our various educational interests.

OUR EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The Treasurer of this Fund, Bro. N. Goff, reports in his possession the sum of \$2,355 19. We recommend the Conference to adopt the same action in regard to the above, as was resolved upon last year. We also recommend that the sum of not more than \$300 00, be expended under the direction of the presiding Elder of Morgantown District, the pastor of Morgantown Station, Dr. A. Martin and J. J. Brown, to aid promising and necessitous young men, who are pursuing their studies in view of the Ministry of our Church—said allowance to be made in sums of not more than \$100 apiece, per annum; loaned to the young men on a note without interest. The note to be paid as an obligation of honor as soon as the beneficiary is able to do so. Said money when replaced, to be loaned again for the same purpose, and on the same principle as before.

We also urge that a collection be taken this year in all our charges, for the above fund.

WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

Wheeling Female College, is the leading ladies school in the state. It is in a highly prosperous condition, and has a larger number of pupils than at any former period of its history. We offer the following:

Resolved, 1st, That we commend this institution to the consideration and patronage of our people, and that we rejoice in its continued prosperity.

Resolved, 2d, That H. C. Westwood, D. D., G. Martin, D. D., E. W. Ryan, J. W. W. Bolton, Hon. C. F. Scott, G. W. Atkinson, Esq., and T. Kennedy, M. D., be a visiting Committee for the ensuing year.

THE WEST VA. UNIVERSITY.

We observe with great satisfaction, that this institution, which under the circumstances, has had a remarkably prosperous career, and is still increasingly vigorous and progressive. The honorable board of regent has laid the foundation of a great and noble University.

Although it is not under our control, we believe it to be our duty, in common with all the people of the State, to give it our influence and support. We note with gratitude its past success, and look to it for a more distinguished service in the future.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We are gratified with the progress and prosperity of this Institution. We learn from the report of the President, that the endowment has been increased—that the income of the College fully meets all expenses—that young women are admitted to its privileges on the same terms as gentlemen, and that the chair of "Modern Languages and Art History," has been filled by an accomplished Professor.

For Board of Control.—Alex. Martin, N. Goff, A. S. Wade and G. W. Richmond.

As Visiting Committee.—W. M. Mullenix, J. S. Clark and S. W. Davis.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

We affirm our abiding conviction of the primary importance of the Public School System of the State, and we pledge ourselves as citizens, to stand firm in maintaining it.

Responsible persons in Mercer Co., W. Va., propose to give to the Conference, sixteen acres of land, and an unfinished brick building, and one thousand dollars, for the establishment of a high school in the village of Concord, Mercer Co. Said school to be under the supervision of a board of trustees to be appointed by the Conference, provided we raise about \$1,500 for the completion of the building. We commend this proposition to your favorable consideration.

W. M. MULLENIX, *Chairman.*

 On Memoirs.

Rev. John L. Irwin was born in Huntington county, Pa., January 29, 1812, and died of typhoid pneumonia at his residence in Fairmont, West Va., April 26, 1871, aged 59 years and 3 months.

When about 18 years of age he was converted to God and united with the M. E. Church under the ministry of Rev. James G. Sansom. Soon after his conversion, giving evidence that a dispensation of the Gospel had been committed to him, he was urged to improve his mind by the prosecution of such studies as would best fit him for the ministry. For a time

he found a home with his employer, with whom he was learning the cabinet making, who treated him as though he was a son; and for a time in the family of Brother Sansom, through whose influence he entered the ministry before he was twenty years of age.

He was admitted on trial into the Pittsburgh Conference August 17, 1831, and appointed to Somerset Circuit; in 1832 to Harrison, and 1833 in Monongalia. In 1834 he was transferred to Missouri Conference, and traveled Boonville Circuit. In 1835, by special request, he was sent to the South Indian Mission District, and traveled the "Creek (Indian) Circuit" among the Creek Nation of Indians. In 1836 we find him at Jacksonville, Arkansas, Conference, and in 1837-8 at Boonville. He was then transferred back to the Pittsburgh Conference, and in 1839-40 traveled Somerset Circuit; in 1841-2, Fayette; in 1843-4, Connellsville; in 1845-6, Legonier; in 1847-8, Beallsville; in 1849-50, Wellsburg Station; and in 1851-2, Triadelphia Circuit. This year, by a change of the Conference line, he was transferred to West Virginia Conference, and the following three years traveled the Parkersburg District; 1856-7, Short Creek and Liberty Circuit; 1858, Grave Creek; 1859-60-61, Clarksburg District, to which he was returned in 1862, but on receiving a commission as Chaplain in the United States Army, gave up the district for the more arduous duties and greater responsibilities of army life. In the Chaplaincy he continued to the close of the war, and was honorably discharged from the service July 3, 1865.

The remainder of the year was spent as agent in connection with the Soldiers' Aid Society. In 1866 he was appointed to Short Creek and Liberty Circuit, but soon after, on receiving the appointment of Bible Agent for the State of West Virginia, relinquished the former and at once entered upon the duties of his agency. In this work he took a deep interest, and was untiring in his efforts to promote a more general circulation of the Scriptures. For five consecutive years he toiled on in this good work, until arrested by disease, and then "at once ceased to work and live."

Brother Irwin was never perplexed with doubts in respect to his conversion or call to the ministry. "My conversion," said he, "was bright as a star, and my call to the ministry as clear to my mind as though I had seen Jesus Christ let down the Bible from the sky and heard Him say to me, '*preach the word.*'" With this strong conviction of duty, though but a youth, he entered the ministry, and for the space of *thirty-nine years*, lacking only a few months, with unwearied diligence and great acceptability and success to civilized and to savage, preached "Christ and Him crucified." And this he did in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. His pulpit efforts were always of a highly respectable character, above mediocrity. He possessed many excellent traits of character, he was firmly attached to the doctrines and usages of the church, and especially to his brethren in the ministry. He was a faithful and true man, never failing during his whole ministerial life to respond to the roll-call except when in the army and on his death-bed.

As a Chaplain, he acted a noble part; was a true patriot and a brave man. He did much, sacrificed much, and endured much (being twice captured and immured in Libby prison) for his country's cause and for the comfort of his comrades. In morals and religion his whole deportment was strictly that of a Christian minister.

As a State Bible Agent, in labors he was indefatigable, manifesting the same self-sacrificing spirit. In reply to a notice of his death, Rev. J. Ralston Smith, D. D., Secretary of the American Bible Society, wrote to Brother Clark, "I beg you to assure Mr. Irwin's family and his brethren of the Conference of our tenderest sympathy with them in this hour of their sore bereavement. Mr. Irwin was a faithful man, abounding in labor, and we cherish his memory as that of a faithful friend and helper whose work will continue to bear fruit, we trust, though he himself has gone to his rest and reward." He was an upright, honorable man, an earnest worker, a zealous Christian, and as a genial friend our hearts hold him in affectionate remembrance.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." The death of Brother Irwin was more, it was a holy triumph. "Forty years ago," said he to a friend, "I was converted, and I have been advancing higher ever since. Whatever I have done, and however feeble my labor has been, I can always say—

"It means Thy praise, however poor,
An angel's song could do no more."

When informed of the near approach of death he replied, "Let it come. There is not a cloud between me and the future. My paradise is certain." Again, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" In speaking of death at another time he said, "I am not afraid. The Lord God will wipe all tears from all eyes." And then, in a holy exstacy, he exclaimed, "The golden bowl is breaking; but as for me, I shall soon be in the regions beyond the sky, where I shall live and shine and sing forever."

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

S. STEELE,
G. MARTIN,
W. R. WHITE.
Committee.

CONFERENCE RECORD OF THE DEAD.

"Blessed are the Dead which Die in the Lord."

Names.	Where Died.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Va.	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.. . . .	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854.	Effective.....	26	3
William Summers.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary.....	58	20
Jessee Freeland.....		1856.			
W. D. Warman.....		1868.			
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pa.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va.	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....		4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, W. Va.	January 24, 1870....	Superannuated.....	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....		1870.	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, West Va... . .		Effective.. . . .		

THE FOLLOWING PREACHERS ON TRIAL HAVE DIED:

Abraham Laughrige, died April 22d, 1854, in his first year on trial, aged 32.
 Eli McLaughlin, died April 3d, 1855, in his second year on trial, aged 30.
 Alpheus Robe, died 1856. in his second year on trial, aged 33.
 James A. Young, died 1857, in his first year on trial, _____

Seward's Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the year ending March, 1872.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Presiding Elders.		Conference collections.	Parson- age.
				Claims.	Deficien- cies.		
MORGANTOWN DIST.							
Morgantown District.....	J. W. Webb, P. E.....	\$ 1,135 00					
" Station.....	Wm. M. Mullenix.....	1,000 00		125 00		\$ 28 00	P
" Circuit.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	750 00	\$ 95 00	80 00			
" ".....	L. Warman.....	450 00	21 00				
Smithtown.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....			40 00		1 75	
Monongalia.....	J. M. Warden.....	800 00	113 50	90 00		7 60	P
" ".....	C. J. Trippet.....	200 00	28 38				
Brandonville.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	600 00	40 00	85 00		10 00	P
" ".....	T. F. Faulkner.....	175 00	12 00				
Grantsville.....	W. J. Sharps.....	450 00		65 00		3 00	
Kingwood.....	M. McNeel.....	650 00		90 00		31 00	P
Oakland.....	R. M. Wallace.....	700 00	8 62	80 00		14 00	
" ".....	F. B. Hornbrook, 6ms	100 00	16 20				
" ".....	J. C. Rexroad, 5 mos	83 67	16 47				
Newburg.....	W. C. Wilson.....	700 00		60 00		5 00	
Evansville.....	L. D. Casto.....	650 00	13 06	75 00		5 00	P
" ".....							
Grafton.....	J. L. Clark.....	800 00		60 00		12 00	P
Knottsville & Fetterman	E. S. Wilson.....	450 00		60 00		5 00	
" ".....	N. L. Baumgardner.....	150 00					
Palatine.....	W. D. Carrico.....	500 00	36 10	60 00		1 00	
Blacksville.....	L. A. Tallman.....	450 00	70 00	60 00			\$ 20 00
Jollytown.....	G. W. Matheny, } John Woodruff, }	450 00 150 00	28 77 19 59	60 00		4 50	P
Wheeling Creek Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....
St. George.....	J. W. Hess.....	450 00	39 00	45 00		4 05	
		\$11,993 67	\$ 559 69	\$ 1,135 00		\$ 131 90	\$ 20 00
WHEELING DIST.							
Wheeling District.....	G. Martin, P. E.....	1,800 00	26 36				
" Fourth Street.....	Henry C. Westwood.....	2,000 00		220 00		150 00	P
" North Street.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1,000 00		65 00		22 00	P
" Island.....	S. W. Davis.....	800 00		60 00		40 00	P
" Zane Street.....	J. P. Farmer, 7½ ms	653 82		110 00		25 00	
" ".....	W. H. Morton, 4½ ms	346 18					
" Chapline Str't.....	E. W. Ryan.....	1,000 00		90 00		50 00	P
" Fifth Street.....	J. T. McCartney.....	700 00		40 00		1 60	
Marshall.....	J. B. Feather.....	685 00	52 92	70 00	7 00	25 00	
" ".....	L. L. Stewart.....	200 00	17 50				
Moundsville.....	A. Hall.....	800 00	261 85	70 00	19 36	10 00	P
New Martinsville.....	C. H. Conway.....	300 00	50 00	50 00		10 00	
" ".....	G. W. Parrott, supply	200 00	33 33				
Pine Grove.....	D. S. Benedum.....	400 00	80 57	50 00		5 00	
Mannington.....	W. T. Cannon.....	700 00		90 00		29 00	P
Greene.....	G. W. McClelland.....	250 00	37 75	50 00		3 75	
Cameron.....	M. Dowler.....	350 00		40 00			
Grave Creek.....	R. Northcraft.....	500 00		70 00		16 75	89 00
" ".....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	150 00					
Dallas.....	D. Cool.....	560 00	60 00	65 00		20 00	
Triadelphia.....	F. Ball.....	700 00		60 00			P
Short Creek and Liberty	L. H. Jordan.....	600 00		60 00		12 00	
Benwood.....	T. H. Trainer.....	800 00		40 00		5 00	150 00
		\$14,975 00	\$ 610 08	\$ 1,300 00	\$ 26 36	\$ 425 10	\$ 230 00
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.							
Clarksburg District.....	S. Steele, P. E.....	1,045 00					
Clarksburg.....	E. C. Wayman.....	900 00		60 00		10 10	
West Milford.....	S. King.....	700 00	18 87	95 00		7 10	P
" ".....	J. D. Wood.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....
" ".....	A. Mick.....	150 00	4 05				
Freemansburg.....	Wm. E. Loveatt, sp'y	255 00	15 00	35 00			
Weston.....	F. M. Hughes.....	395 20		65 00		7 07	P
Frenchton.....	G. Rogers.....	650 00	14 68	80 00		9 60	P
Pruntytown.....	W. L. Hindman.....	800 00	69 47	90 00		12 60	
" ".....	J. Hagins, supply.....	140 00	16 22				
Phillippi.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	525 00	15 50	80 00			P
Buckhannon.....	H. C. Sanford.....	600 00		60 00		5 00	
" Circuit.....	J. Conwell.....	450 00	83 00	75 00		5 00	
Upshur.....	J. W. Reger.....	600 00	150 00	50 00		2 00	
Fairmont.....	M. W. Rider, 3 mos.....	120 00		55 00		5 00	P
Marion.....	M. Allen.....	725 00	55 00	90 00	4 50	5 00	P
Lumberport.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	410 00	64 33	60 00			
Beverly.....	J. W. Eckess.....	470 00	80 75	60 00		6 75	
Salem.....	C. Conner.....	500 00		60 00			
Bridgeport.....	Adam Rider, supply.....	200 00	13 50	40 00		2 00	
		\$ 9,435 20	\$ 550 37	\$ 1,055 00	\$ 4 50	\$ 77 22	

Steward's Report—Continued.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Presiding Elders.		Confer- ence col- lections,	Parson- age.
				Claims.	Deficien- cies.		
PARKERSBURG DIST.							
Parkersburg District.....	B. Ison, P. E.....	\$ 1,285 00	\$ 131 50				P
" Station.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	1,200 00		175 00		61 66	P
" Circuit.....	R. D. Woodyard.....	400 00	10 25	75 00	28 00	3 95	
" Mission.....							
Williamstown.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	600 00		85 00		1 60	
Murraysville.....	F. H. J. King.....	500 00	53 80	85 00		2 50	
Ravenswood.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	450 00	100 00	90 00	22 50		P
".....	W. W. Harper.....						
Harrisville.....	R. R. Highleyman.....	666 00	168 02	100 00	25 00	12 00	P
Elizabeth.....	J. F. Chenoweth.....	300 00		60 00			
Ellenboro.....	T. M. Hartley.....	600 00		85 00			P
Burning Springs.....	E. B. Bludson.....	800 00		80 00		2 00	
West Union.....	R. S. Welch.....	500 00	50 00	90 00			
Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	580 00	85 00	90 00	28 00	2 00	
Middlebourne.....	W. E. Rippey.....	500 00	130 48	60 00			P
Calhoun.....	W. H. Wiley.....	332 00	71 65	85 00	18 00		
Glenville.....	J. P. Coleman.....	300 00	128 65	80 00	10 00		
Centreville.....	J. B. Beatty.....	500 00	181 57	40 00		1 00	25 00
		\$ 9,513 00	\$ 1,110 42	\$ 1,280 00	\$ 131 50	\$ 86 05	\$ 25 00
CHARLESTON DIST.							
Charleston District.....	G. W. Richmond, P.E.	\$ 1,235 00	\$ 96 80				P
" Station.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	1,000 00	200 00	120 00	8 00	10 00	P
" Circuit.....	C. E. Manchester.....	450 00		80 00	5 00		P
Nicholas.....	J. N. Rhodes, 3 mos	125 00	46 50	80 00		11 00	P
Mountain Cove.....	J. M. Griffiths.....	260 00	50 00	80 00	3 00		
Braxton.....	M. G. Sayre.....	300 00	100 00	80 00		1 00	
Raymond City.....	W. E. Loomis.....	400 00		80 00		2 00	
Elk River.....	S. F. Smith, supply..	300 00	90 00	80 00	13 00	1 00	
Mill Creek.....	T. B. Ryan, supply..	300 00	25 91	80 00			
Buffalo.....	W. H. Shaw, supply..	245 00	141 00	80 00	5 00		
Point Pleasant.....	W. H. Young.....	300 00	29 08	80 00		8 00	
Clifton.....	J. S. Freeland.....	300 00		75 00	5 00	2 30	
Hartford City.....	J. M. Powell.....	1,000 00	57 00	100 00	35 15	10 00	
Spencer.....	B. Darlington.....	550 00	40 65	80 00		4 00	
Webster.....	J. B. Harrah, supply..	200 00	13 00	80 00	5 00		
Bell Creek.....	J. N. Hupes, supply..	300 00	100 00	60 00	17 70		
		\$ 7,265 00	\$ 989 94	\$ 1,235 00	\$ 96 85	\$ 49 80	
GUYANDOTTE DIST.							
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E.....	\$ 1,060 00	\$ 175 27				
" Station.....	S. E. Steele.....	550 00	153 00	80 00	\$ 7 10		
" Circuit.....	G. C. Shaffer.....	300 00	84 00				
Wayne.....	V. Sanford.....	500 00	100 00	65 00	4 19		100 00
Sandy.....	R. Hager, supply.....	300 00	154 95	50 00	17 85		
Monticello.....	S. D. Jones.....	400 00	224 77	50 00	27 85	35	
Winfield.....	B. Hagar.....	400 00	99 30	65 00	11 75	3 40	
Hamlin.....	C. H. Allemong.....	200 57		60 00	4 69	2 00	
Coal River.....	J. M. Smith, supply..	200 00	51 57	60 00	18 89		
Boone.....	N. C. Beckley.....	400 00	65 30	60 00		2 50	
Logan.....	A. Browning, supply	250 00	75 00	50 00	8 15		
Fayette.....	A. F. Morrison.....	350 00	82 16	60 00	23 00	1 85	
Raleigh.....	Renix Weese.....	350 00	144 82	60 00	19 68		
Mercer.....	A. Workman, supply	250 00	98 76	50 00	13 50		
McDowell and Wyoming	E. J. Johnson, supply	250 00	125 00	50 00	18 67		
Missionary Appropriation for P. E.				800 00			
		\$ 5,760 57	\$ 1,633 40	\$ 1,060 00	\$ 175 27	\$ 10 10	\$ 100 00

RECAPITULATION.

Districts.	Claims.	Deficiencies.	Presiding Elders.		Conference collections.
			Claims.	Deficiencies.	
Morgantown District.....	\$ 11,993 87	\$ 557 69	\$ 1,135 00		\$ 131 90
Wheeling ".....	14,975 00	610 08	1,300 00	26 96	425 10
Clarksburg ".....	9,435 20	550 37	1,055 00	4 50	77 22
Parkersburg ".....	9,513 00	1,110 42	1,280 00	131 50	86 05
Charleston ".....	7,265 00	989 94	1,235 00	96 85	49 30
Guyandotte ".....	5,760 57	1,633 40	1,060 00	175 27	10 10
	\$ 58,942 44	\$ 5,451 90	\$ 7,065 00	434 48	\$ 779 67

Respectfully Submitted,

GEO. W. ATKINSON, Secretary.

R. M. WALLACE, President.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1872.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.			Benevolent Contributions.							Freedmen's Aid Society.	Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.		Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Morgantown District.																					
Morgantown Station.....	268	3	35	3	15	3	1	10,000	1	2,000	28 00	273 45		5 00	1 08	5 25		1	28	250	300
Morgantown Circuit.....	409	1	78	2	30	25	6	3,500			1 00	27 00		1 00	1 00	2 50		9	50	300	1 00
Monongalia ".....	673	3	97	5	35	10	7	3,000	1	800	7 60	24 50						5	40	200	1050
Grantsville ".....	274	4	72	4	5	38	6	5,000	1	220	3 00	17 00			3 00			12	112	400	1200
Brundonville ".....	572	3	132	5	32	12	8	8,000	1	1,000	10 00	57 20	5 00	1 00	3 00	2 00		6	47	180	785
Smithtown ".....	281	3	23	3	6		6	2,378			1 75	6 70		1 12		1 25		3	30	132	360
Oakland ".....	395		12	1	9	22	5	5,600	1	1,500	14 00	50 00	2 75	1 25		1 00		11	110	596	1914
Kingwood ".....	296	2	40		22	2	2	2,000	1	3,000	31 00	86 54				61 72		7	50	300	1000
Blacksville ".....	260	1	28	3	21		5	3,500			5 00			1 00	2 00	2 00		5	18	250	250
Evansville ".....	385	3	60	4	30	15	8	6,000	1	600		22 00			2 00	2 00		7	50	300	700
Newburg ".....	195	4	43		20	26	2	7,000			5 00	20 00			8 91			4	34	210	500
Grafton Station.....	193	2	4	2	18	7	1	1,600	1	2,500	12 00	20 00	3 00	2 00		5 00		1	24	168	
Knottsville & Fetterman Circuit.	282	4	60	1	10	8	6	4,000			5 00	2 50						3	20	150	500
Palatine Circuit.....	370		60	5	29		8	8,000			1 00	10 00	1 50		1 50			7	95	1000	1100
St. George ".....	214		34	1	1	17	5	2,000			4 05	16 00						6	52	192	825
Jollytown ".....	300	6	56	2	25	2	4	3,000	1	750	4 15	40 00		75	1 00	1 55		6	35	175	525
Total.....	5,367	39	974	41	308	190	80	\$ 74,578	9	\$ 12,370	\$ 132 55	\$ 672 89	\$ 12 25	\$ 13 12	\$ 83 21	\$ 20 55		93	795	4881	11,999
Wheeling District.																					
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	355	10	45	2	5	30	1	80,000	1	5,000	\$ 150 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 150 00	\$ 30 00		2	50	400	850
Wheeling North Street.....	180	2	66		12	60	1	4,500	1	1,800	22 00	8 70		2 50		5 00		3	41	375	800
Wheeling Thomson Church.....	110	2	11	2	4	13	1	12,600	1	2,500	40 00	130 00		2 50		3 00		1	24	275	700
Wheeling Zane Street.....																					
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	157	5	17	2	3	46	1	7,000	1	2,000	50 00	156 20	11 55	1 05	4 35	1 10	41 25	1	28	18	420
Wheeling Wesley Chapel.....	58	1					4	8,000			1 60	10 00						1	30	125	400
Marshall.....	257	3	50	3	10	14	7	11,000	1	400	25 00	50 75	3 25	1 50	2 00	2 50	1 00	7	80	360	900
Moundsville.....	186	9	70	1	21	3	1	5,000	1	1,000	10 00	35 50			6 00			1	30	170	100
New Martinsville.....	150	2	52	1	9	4	3	3,500			10 00	20 00						7	47	293	666
Pine Grove.....	250	2	22	4	11	3	3	600			5 00	10 00						3	20	76	
Mannington.....	460	8	140	8	48	4	10	7,000	1	1,200	29 00	33 00						5	67	300	1200
Greene.....	220	4	52	2	15	17	5	2,100			3 75	18 25						7	64	225	638
Cameron.....	113	4	21		9	5	2	3,000				5 00						1	13	138	300
Grave Creek.....	300	4	30	3	10	15	8	10,000			16 75	44 00	5 65	3 20	5 35	5 50		5	59	266	1085
Dallas.....	305	3	4	1	14	3	3	3,000				21 25	4 00					3	10	160	200
Triadelphia.....	119	4	34	1	7	1	2	11,000	1	4,000	20 00	25 00						2	16	116	50
Short Creek and Liberty.....	150	1	9		14	1	2	7,000	1	500	12 00	50 00	7 00	8 00	5 00	3 00		2	23	176	284
Benwood.....	65	1	4		3	12	1	4,000			5 00	5 20						1	22	120	300
Total.....	3706	69	678	83	200	251	53	\$ 194,300	9	\$ 18,400	\$ 425 10	\$ 1,411 15	\$ 81 45	\$ 48 75	\$ 172 70	\$ 50 10	\$ 42 25	58	658	4000	9393

MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE.

Total.....	3706	69	678	33	200	251	53	\$194,800	9	\$18,400	\$425 10	\$1,411 15	\$81 45	\$43 75	\$172 70	\$50 10	\$42 25	53	658 40	9393
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STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1872.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.							Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claims.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Clarksburg District.																					
Clarksburg.....	150	2	25	2	5	20	1	\$11,000			\$10 00	\$17 20			\$35 00			2	16	140	1000
West Milford.....	800	7	100	5	41	29	12	\$10,000	1	600	7 10	50 05			2 35	1 30		10	61	347	180
Freemansburg.....	231		38	4	18		3	2,500				4 50		4 05				4	30	135	340
Weston.....	159		13	1	3	4	2	1,500	1	3,000	7 07	26 27	5 00					4	42	155	575
Frenchton.....	595	6	125	6	20	16	13	6,500	1	600	9 60	75 86			3 47	4 88		13	124	410	708
Buckhannon.....	220	1	20	2	8	6	3	2,500			5 00	20 00			6 00			2	20	140	250
" Circuit.....	347	2	55	4	26		7	4,400				6 00						4	49	169	358
Upshur.....	400	2	85	3	40		9	4,000			2 00	8 35				2 00		4	40	250	200
Beverly.....	198	2	13	4	7		5	3,200			2 65	13 25						1	14	52	150
Phillippi.....	382	5	55	8	12	4	9	4,000	1	700		36 00						7	50	250	425
Pruntytown.....	230	4	13	2	4		7	6,500			12 60	45 35				2 55		2	25	80	500
Fairmont.....	113		3	3	4		1	6,500	1	1,200	5 00	37 13		2 50				1	21	100	150
Marion.....	274	5	17	1	15	7	7	5,500	1	750	5 00	15 00			2 00			6	70	270	800
Lumberport.....	500	3	75	3	100	10	7	2,750				17 30		1 50				4	27	180	150
Bridgeport.....	99		21	1	2		4	3,600			2 00	2 00		50				2	12	60	100
Salom.....	191	1	40	2		1	4	2,800				16 76	7 45					4	20	120	
Total.....	4,889	40	702	51	305	97	94	\$77,250	6	\$6,850	\$68 02	\$391 02	\$16 50	\$4 50	\$48 82	\$10 73		70	621	2658	6,781
Parkersburg District.																					
Parkersburg Station.....	315	1	17	1	2	9	1	\$16,000	1	\$4,300	\$61 00	\$400 50	\$25 50	\$10 66		\$11 16		2	46	286	1390
" Circuit.....	271	2	5	3	42	4	3	10,000	1	500	3 95	48 55		6 00	1 00			6	48	240	250
" Mission.....																					
Williamstown.....	275	4	32	4	4	7	6	7,000			1 63							7	58	290	1250
Murraysville.....	185	3	41	1	1	3					2 50	5 00						7	51	260	602
Ravenswood.....	225	1		6		3	2	23,000	1	500								4	45	213	400
Harrisville.....	598	8	117	6	10	7	10	5,000	1	2,000	12 00	28 50			1 00			9	100	445	1221
Ellenboro.....	324	1	100	3	17	11	6	4,500	1	1,400		11 00	2 00		14 41			3	27	150	300
Burning Springs.....	70	2	68		11	5	1	1,800		400	2 00	44 00						1	16	156	200
West Union.....	308	4	50	3	10	11	5	2,420				13 55						3	22	118	600
Sistersville.....	310		64	3	9		6	5,400	1	275	2 00	6 55						5	57	255	395
Middlebourne.....	290	5	50	4	34	1	4	4,000	1	500		11 00						10	10	400	200
Calhoun.....	231	1	33	2	29	2	5	2,000			1 00	2 00		63	50	50		3	2	90	225
Centerville.....	312	4	126		8	1	3	650				13 85						5	6	285	447
Glenville.....	207	1	43	3		2	4	1,200				5 00						3	18	80	100
Elizabeth.....	97		15				2	3,000				10 00						3	18	60	
Total.....	4018	37	861	39	172	66	53	\$57,700	8	\$9,875	\$86 08	\$598 50	\$27 50	\$17 29	\$15 91	\$12 66		71	690	3328	7580

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MINUTES OF WEST V. A. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.			Benevolent Contributions.						Freedman's Aid Society.	Sunday Schools.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Socy.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.		For S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Charleston District.																					
Charleston Station.....	118		15		1	4	1	\$7,000	1	\$1,500	\$10 00	\$65 00	\$7 00	\$1 00		\$1 00		1	20	150	150
Charleston Circuit.....	819	2	204	5	27	12	1	4 000	1	800		5 00						5	35	250	350
Nicholas Circuit.....	429	4	30	1			4	2,200				11 0									
Mountain Cove Circuit.....	232	1	46	3	9		1	500				5 00						4	30	130	200
Braxton Circuit.....	200	4	40	4	8	17	4	2,000			1 00	7 00						2	60	200	800
Raymond City Circuit.....	185	1	33	2	6	5	2	1,500			2 00	20 00									
Elk River Circuit.....	217		76	3							1 00	5 00		1 00	\$1 00	1 00		6	33	150	280
Mill Creek Circuit.....	14	2	93	2	3							13 00						4	26	105	190
Buffalo Circuit.....	95	2	26	1	4	2	1	200													
Bell Creek Circuit.....	159		76	10	10	12	2	40				8 00						3	15	100	150
Point Pleasant Circuit.....	84	2	26	1	1	1	3	4,000			8 00	15 00	1 50					2	15	150	20
Hartford City Circuit.....	185	3	69	5	10	26	3	5,500			10 00	30 00	1 00	1 00		1 55		3	39	217	766
Specer Circuit.....	422	3	43	4	25	9	2	1,500			1 00	15 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00		7	56	200	
Webster Circuit.....	105	2	20	2	8	19	1	300				8 00						3	18	80	95
Clifton Circuit.....	106	1	23	1	11	9	2	6,000			2 00	7 00						3	31	187	250
Total.....	2,998	27	820	44	123	116	27	\$35,100	2	\$2,300	\$35 00	\$214 00	\$11 50	\$4 00	\$3 00	\$5 55		44	378	1,949	2,951
Guyandotte District.																					
Guyandotte Circuit.....	245	2	50	3	22	5	2	\$6,000				5 72	22 00					5	38	215	600
Wayne Circuit.....	302	4	70	6	8	7	2	1,000				5 00						7	72	304	700
Sandy Circuit.....	144	6	65	4		12	2	300										2	10	40	50
Monticello Circuit.....	73		28	2	3		1	400			35							2	11	55	
Winfield Circuit.....	225	4	85	5	23	88	5	5,000			3 40	10 00						6	72	240	625
Hamlin Circuit.....	15		180	5			2	150			2 00	10 00						8	37	120	145
Coal River Circuit.....	209		35	4			1	500				2 60						2	20	130	150
Boone Circuit.....	375		95	5	25	23	2	500			2 50	15 00				2 50		5	25	150	265
Logan Circuit.....	145		93	2	10	10												1	6	31	80
Fayette Circuit.....	178	7	127	3	4		3	300			1 75	2 95						4	25	140	100
Raleigh Circuit.....	280		71	6	3	3	3	500				6 00						8	15	55	
Mercer Circuit.....	260	7	37	3	10	20												3	18	60	66
Wyoming & McDowell Circuits.....	287		50				1	250										4	24	140	180
Total.....	2,864	30	986	48	113	119	24	\$14,900			\$10 00	\$57 27	\$22 00			\$2 50		52	373	1,680	2,961

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RECAPITULATION.	Numbers.				Baptisms.		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.							Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Districts.																					
Morgantown District.....	5367	39	974	41	3' 8	190	80	\$ 74,578	9	\$ 12,370	\$ 132 56	\$ 672 89	12 25	\$ 13 00	\$ 83 21	20 55	.....	93	795	4,881	11,999
Wheeling District.....	3706	69	678	33	200	251	53	194,300	9	18 400	425 10	1,411 15	325 45	43 75	172 70	50 10	42 25	53	658	4,028	9,393
Clarksburg District.....	4889	40	698	51	305	97	94	77,250	6	6,850	68 02	391 02	16 50	4 50	43 82	10 73	.....	70	621	2,658	5,881
Parkersburg District.....	4018	37	861	39	172	66	58	55,770	8	9,875	86 08	538 50	27 51	17 29	15 91	12 66	.....	71	690	3,328	7,550
Charleston District.....	2998	27	820	44	123	116	27	35,100	2	2,300	35 00	214 00	11 50	4 00	3 00	5 55	.....	44	378	1,948	2,951
Guyandotte District.....	2864	30	986	48	113	119	24	14,900	.....	.....	10 00	57 27	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	373	1,680	2,961
Total.....	23,842	213	5017	256	1221	839	336	\$451,898	34	\$ 49,795	\$ 756 75	\$3,344 83	\$ 415 20	\$82 66	\$ 823 64	99 59	42 25	353	3515	18,528	40,765
Total last year.....	22,965	213	5117	250	987	787	316	398,350	35	48,850	751 32	3,039 98	69 85	97 49	374 18	102 11	.....	369	3393	18,871	43,035
Increase.....	877	29	.....	6	234	52	20	53,548	.....	945	5 43	\$ 244 85	\$ 845 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	122	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$14 83	\$ 50 54	2 52	42 25	.....	.....	348	2,270

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELECTORAL CONFERENCE OF LAYMEN
OF THE
West Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A. M., March 8, 1872, in the Fourth Street M. E. Church, Wheeling, West Virginia.

A temporary organization was effected by calling Smith Crane, of Kingwood Circuit, to the chair, and appointing E. J. Stone, of Thomson Charge, Wheeling, Secretary.

On motion of C. D. Hubbard a committee of one from each district was appointed on Credentials, Permanent Organization and Resolutions, or Declaration of Sentiments.

The Conference took a recess of a few minutes to consult when the following committees were reported:

On Credentials.—A. L. Wade, Morgantown District; M. Dunn, Wheeling; J. L. Denham, Clarksburg; W. R. Kelly, Parkersburg; T. R. Ryan, Charleston; A. Workman, Guyandotte.

On Permanent Organization.—J. T. McClasky, Morgantown; W. H. Reese, Wheeling; D. Lurney, Clarksburg; J. W. Smith, Parkersburg; B. Rogers, Charleston; Wm. Workman, Guyandotte.

On Declaration of Sentiments.—H. J. Boatman, Dr. T. H. Logan, M. Davisson, James McKenney, Adam Gregory and John Beckley.

After some time spent in deliberation the Committee on Permanent Organization made the following report:

For President—Dr. T. H. Logan, of Wheeling.

For Vice Presidents—Hon. C. D. Hubbard, of Wheeling; and A. L. Wade, of Morgantown.

For Secretary—George W. Atkinson, of Charleston.

For Assistant Secretary—Hon. C. F. Scott, of Ritchie.

Which report, on motion, was unanimously adopted. Whereupon, Dr.

Logan was conducted to the Chair, and in a very brief and appropriate speech tendered his acknowledgments to the Conference for the high honor bestowed upon him. The remaining officers were also conducted to their places on the platform.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

WHEELING DISTRICT LAY DELEGATES.

Fourth Street—Dr. T. H. Logan.	New Martinsville—J. Rider.
North Street—W. P. Wilson.	Pine Grove—Rev. Wm. M. Edgell.
Thomson Chapel—Rev. E. J. Stone.	Mannington—T. Erwin.
Zane Street—Wm. Exley.	Cameron—Wm. H. Reese.
Chapline Street—C. D. Hubbard.	Greene—W. E. Parrott.
Wesley Chapel—Wm. Montgomery.	Grave Creek—R. Zink.
Benwood—W. E. Lineburger.	Short Creek and Liberty—R. Doyle.
Moundsville—M. Dunn.	Dallas—Rev. R. Wilson.
Marshall—J. S. Riggs.	Triadelphia—J. E. Sisson.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station—A. L. Wade.	Brandonville C't—H. J. Boatman.
Morgantown C't—J. T. McClaskey.	Kingwood Circuit—Smith Crane.
Monongalia Circuit—James Kelly.	Grantsville Circuit—G. E. Bishoff.
Blacksville Circuit—Jacob Wiley.	Oakland Circuit—J. M. Davis.
Jollytown Circuit—Jas. G. White.	Knottsville Circuit—Christian Core.
Smithtown Circuit—T. F. Hawkins.	Evansville Cir't—Reuben Warthen.
Palatine Circuit—Richard Thomas.	

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

West Milford—M. Davisson.	Fairmont—D. Surry.
Weston—E. Fisher.	Lumberport—James Denham.
Freighton—W. H. Curry.	Beverly—W. P. Daniel.
Pruntytown—G. Long.	Salem—J. B. Conway.
Upshur—J. Letter.	Bridgeport—F. D. Kemble.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Harrisville—James McKinney.	West Union—B. F. Jones.
Williamstown—John Mussetter.	Sistersville—W. P. Eskey.
Parkersburg—Wm. R. Kelly.	Centreville—James M. Smith.
Elizabeth Circuit—Alex. Lowther.	Middlebourne—Samuel Billingsly.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston St'on—G. W. Atkinson.	Buffalo—P. Swentzell.
Charleston Circuit—A. B. Tallman.	Spencer—B. Rogers.
Mill Creek—T. P. Ryan.	Webster—A. Gregory.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Boone—Wm. Workman.	Mercer—A. Workman.
Raleigh—John Beckley.	

The Committee on Declaration of Sentiments reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Address of the Electoral Conference of Lay Delegates of the West Virginia M. E. Church.

The Electoral Conference of Lay Delegates in connection with the West Virginia Conference, on the occasion of their first assemblage under the provision of the General Conference, deem it proper to express the feelings and sentiments which animate us in entering upon the new duties that devolve upon us.

We recognize with great satisfaction the liberal and generous action of the General Conference by which the Laymen of the Church have been invited to a participation in the duties and responsibilities of its councils.

We do not forget the history of the past—the noble, self-sacrificing labors of the Fathers—how, through toil and peril, through want and suffering, and even death itself, they traversed the wilderness, planting the church in the midst of discouragements and difficulties. We recall their heroism, the glorious truths they taught, their unprecedented success, their sublime lives, their triumphant deaths,—these are the heritage of the Church to all generations, and we recognize in those who follow them worthy sons of illustrious fathers.

We feel deeply the new obligations imposed upon us, that now, more than ever, is committed to us the responsibility of pushing forward to still greater triumphs the glorious gospel of our common Christianity; that while we have entered into the labors of the fathers and are enjoying the fruits of their self-sacrifice, to us in increased measure belongs the duty of perpetuating the work of their hands and of advancing the interests of our beloved Zion.

We declare our devoted love to the Church; our interest in her welfare; our sincere attachment to her order and discipline. We approve her general superintendency, her itinerant ministry and presiding eldership, her system of local preachers, exhorters, trustees, stewards, class leaders; and we believe that with a membership active, spiritual and intelligent, her aggressive movement for the overthrow of sin and for the salvation of the world, will be honored of God in the future as in the past.

T. H. LOGAN,
H. T. BOATMAN,
M. DAVISSON,
J. MCKINNEY,
ADAM GREGORY,
JOHN BECKLEY,

A committee of five ministers was announced from the Annual Conference, whose object was to invite the Electoral Conference to engage with them in a joint session at 3 o'clock P. M. in the audience room of the church.

On motion of Bro. Hubbard the following committee of five Laymen was appointed to make arrangements for said joint session: Bros. Hubbard, McClaskey, Stone, Workman of Boone, and Davisson.

On motion of Bro. Stone the Conference proceeded to the election of two Lay delegates to represent this body in the General Conference at Brooklyn, New York. A motion to elect by ballot, without nominating

candidates, was carried, and the President nominated Bros. Boatman and Crane as tellers to receive the ballots of the delegates.

Bro. Workman inquired the number of votes necessary to constitute an election. The President replied that a majority of all the votes cast would be necessary, which was decided to be 29.

On the first ballot the result was as follows :

Hon. C. D. Hubbard, 42 ; Hon. W. T. Willey, 41 ; Dr. T. H. Logan, 9 ; G. W. Atkinson, 8 ; N. Goff, Sr., 6 ; Hon. C. F. Scott, 4 ; Hon. Sam'l Woods, 1, and Hon. J. C. McGrew, 1.

The President announced that Bros. Hubbard and Willey having each received a greater number than 29 votes were duly elected as Delegates to the General Conference. Their election, on motion, was made unanimous.

On motion, the Conference then proceeded to the election of two alternate Delegates.

The first ballot resulted as follows :

Dr. Logan, 36 ; Goff, 21 ; Atkinson, 16 ; Scott, 13 ; Wade, 9 ; Crane, 7 ; Woods, 3 ; Stone, 2 ; McGrew, 1 ; Bailey, 1 ; Conway, 1.

The Vice President announced that Dr. Logan having received a sufficient number of votes, was therefore duly elected Senior alternate Delegate to the General Conference.

The second ballot for the remaining alternate Delegate, was as follows : Goff, 33 ; Atkinson, 11 ; Scott, 5 ; Stone, 2 ; Wade, 2 ; Woods, 1.

Whereupon, the President declared Bro. Goff, duly elected ; and on motion of G. W. Atkinson, the election of Bros. Logan and Goff, was declared unanimous.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Ministerial Committee in regard to a union of both bodies of the Conference, reported that it was agreed to meet in joint session in the audience room of the Fourth Street Church at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lay Delegate Conference met in the session room of the Church pursuant to adjournment.

While waiting for the call from the Annual Conference to assemble in joint session, the following resolution, after a general discussion, was adopted :

Resolved, That we as a Conference are opposed to any material change in the Episcopacy of our Church.

The Committee of Ministers was announced, and upon motion, the Conference adjourned to the audience room of the Church, when the 710th Hymn was read by the Rev. Bishop Simpson, and was heartily sung

by all present. After which, prayer was offered by Rev. G. Martin, D. D. on the part of the Ministers, and by E. J. Stone, on the part of the Laymen. An Address was delivered by Rev. Moses Titchenell, extending a welcome to the Laymen in their new position in the Conference.

Dr. Logan, on the part of the Laymen, delivered the following address :

Dearly Beloved Bishop and Brethren of the Ministry of the West Va. Conference :

It is with no ordinary emotion that we enter upon the exercises of this occasion. We are about to consummate one of the most important movements which our Church has made in its American history. No human mind probably can fully comprehend the important results which will follow it. Under the influence of the solemn feelings inspired by this occasion, we come praying that this hour, and the movement which it represents, may be sanctified to the great good of the Church and to the promotion of its important enterprises.

As members of the first Electoral Conference of Laymen of West Virginia, we acknowledge with grateful hearts the kind greetings and the cordial reception which we have received from our ministerial brethren.

We are glad that we come to you not seeking to take from you any of the prerogatives or privileges which have hitherto been so justly accorded you, and which it may be said, have been purchased by the toils and sacrifices of the hundred years of American Methodism.

We would not detract in the least from the honor and glory which have crowned the heroic history of the Church's achievements, accomplished by the self-sacrificing labors of the Fathers,—labors which, in a large degree, are still your heritage.

We come rather to rejoice with you in the wonderful power of the Gospel, and preached by the fathers and yourselves, and illustrated in its widely extending conquests; conquests made possible, only, as we believe, by the peculiar organization, which in the Providence of God, our fathers hopefully placed in your faithful hearts and hands.

That organization we feel was admirably adapted to the times upon which it was cast. No word of reproach or complaint do we suggest in the review of its wonderful success.

But we recognise the fact that the times have changed. The church has recognized the fact, and after long discussion and mature deliberation it wisely adapts itself to the changed circumstances surrounding it, and now concentrates its forces, clerical and lay, for a more vigorous warfare in the cause of the Redeemer.

And thus it is, brethren, that we come to you to-day, not to divide or to destroy, but to get nearer to you in the love and power of the gospel. We come to stand close beside you, right under the cross; so that together, shoulder to shoulder, we may bear it forward to further and grander victories.

When the seventh angel of the Apocalypse sounded, John, in his banishment on Patmos, "heard great voices in heaven, saying 'the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ, and Jesus shall reign forever and ever'"

What was then prophecy, uttered to encourage a lonely exile, and a feeble, struggling church, is now becoming history,—the grandest history of the world that can be written.

We come to you to-day, brethren, to bear a more active part in making up that glorious history; and as we come nearer to the heart and to the great Head of the church, we feel more deeply than ever that

“For her our tears must fall,
For her our prayers ascend,
To her our toils and cares be given,
Till toils and cares shall end,”

and while thus united more closely in the toils and labors of the Gospel, we shall more fully partake of its hopes and triumphs, and in anticipation of final victories and reward, henceforth will sing with you, with more fervor than ever before:

“Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories Earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of Heaven.”

Dr. Alex. Martin was called from the ranks of the Ministers and responded in an appropriate speech.

Hon. C. D. Hubbard came forward and made an address.

By request of Rev. A. J. Lyda, Bishop Simpson spoke at length upon the probable results of the admission of Lay Delegation in the Church.

After the Addresses, the Bishop announced the 712th Hymn,

“Blest be the tie that binds, &c.”

which was sung “with the spirit and the understanding,” and the joint session of the Conferences closed with a general good feeling, and the Laymen withdrew, making new resolutions to live nearer to the Master, and to labor more earnestly for the upbuilding of His kingdom and the spread of scriptural holiness throughout these lands.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our grateful thanks to the friends and brethren of the City of Wheeling, for their hospitality in entertaining us in the same manner and spirit that they received and cared for the Ministerial brethren of the Conference; and that we leave the City with the kindest recollections of our brief sojourn with them.

On motion of Bro. Hubbard—adjourned *sine die* by singing the doxology and the benediction by Bro. E. J. Stone.

T. H. LOGAN, *President*.

G. W. ATKINSON, }
C. F. SCOTT, } *Secretaries*.

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Wesleyan College

ADDENDA.

ZANE STREET STATISTICS—(Omitted.)

P. Elder's claim \$110. Conference Claimants \$25 60. Parsonage Rent \$250 00.

Members 271; Deaths 4; Probationers 51; Local Preachers 3; Adults baptized 5; Children baptized 15; Church valued at \$15,000; Missionary collection \$60 00.

Sunday Schools 1; Officers and Teachers 34; Scholars 270.

Volumes in Library, 300. The Totals are correct.

North St. Miss. collection \$37 70.

LOCAL PREACHER'S LIST, pp. 10-11.

Wheeling District.—The names of N. W. Patterson, J. Hall, J. D. Snodgrass and L. Loveall, should be omitted.

The following should be added :

J. E. Webb,.....	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, W. Va.
W. L. Gilbreath,.....	"	"	"
W. N. Edgell,.....	Yeater's Mills,	Doddridge	"
A. T. George,.....	Pine Grove,	Wetzel	"
P. Barrack,	Mannington,	Marion	"
— Hayse,	"	"	"
P. G. Sturms,	"	"	"
J. West,.....	"	"	"
J. Alley,	Glen Easton,	Marshall	"
B. B. Newman,.....	Moundsville,	"	"
J. M. Blair,	Beeler's Station,	"	"

The Post Office address of J. M. Powell, P. E., of Charleston District, is Mason City, Mason County, W. Va.

N. B.—The following pages contain the advertisements of reliable business Houses in Wheeling, and are recommended as such to the readers of these Minutes, by

THE SECRETARIES.

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EDWARD G. ANDREWS, *Bishop Presiding.*

J. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

W. H. MORTON,
S. W. DAVIS,
T. M. HARTLEY, } *Assistant Secretaries.*

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Twenty-Sixth Session in Guyandotte, West Virginia, March 5, 1873—Bishop E. G. Andrews presiding. The religious exercises (Scripture Lessons, Isaiah 35th. Chapter, and 2 Cor. 4th Chapter; Hymn 219th) were conducted by the Bishop.

The Roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and thirty-seven members answered to their names. (See Roll Book, p. 8.)

On motion, J. L. Clark was elected Secretary, and W. H. Morton, S. W. Davis and T. M. Hartley, Assistants.

On motion, 9 o'clock was fixed as the hour of meeting, and 12 as the hour of adjournment; but in all cases the session shall be prolonged until the minutes are read and approved.

The Presiding Elders, on motion, nominated the following

STANDING COMMITTEES :

On Memoirs—E. C. Wayman, J. B. Feather, M. Tichenel.

On Public Worship—The Presiding Elder of Guyandotte District, and the Preacher in charge of Guyandotte and Huntington.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—S. Steele, R. M. Wallace, E. C. Wayman, J. P. Thatcher, F. Ball, N. L. Baumgardner, J. T. McCartney.

Board of Stewards, Lay—A. W. Lawrence, E. J. Stone, J. G. Thompson, G. W. Atkinson, John Beckley, J. W. Kelley.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education (by the Chair)—A. Martin, W. R. White, J. G. Blair, W. H. Morton, F. Ball, J. W. W. Bolton, J. A. Kibbe.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Snodgrass, W. C. Wilson, W. F. Cannon, W. H. Young, N. C. Beckley, T. M. Hartley, F. M. Hughes.

On Periodicals—G. Crossfield, G. W. Richmond, S. B. D. Prickett, C. E. Manchester, V. Sanford, J. W. W. Bolton, F. M. Hughes.

On the Tract Cause—J. W. Warden, S. W. Davis, R. S. Welsh, F. A. Trippett, J. A. Kibbe, W. W. Kelly, W. E. Lovett.

On the Bible Cause—V. Sanford, B. Darlington, W. R. White, E. W. Ryan, J. J. Dolliver, J. F. Chenowith, L. D. Casto.

On Temperance—R. Northcraft, J. A. Williams, J. W. Griffiths, S. E. Steele, E. S. Wilson, H. J. Boatman, J. B. Beatty.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts—S. B. D. Prickett, J. B. Feather, J. T. McCartney, J. A. Kibbe, W. C. Snodgrass, T. H. Trainer, J. P. Coleman.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Observance of the Sabbath—C. E. Manchester, R. Hagar, S. Steele, T. B. Hughes, M. W. Rider, W. E. Rippey, G. Rogers.

On Publication of the Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Funds for Minutes—M. A. W. Young, N. L. Baumgardner, L. D. Casto, T. R. Faulkner, L. L. Stewart, L. A. Tallman, F. H. J. King.

Conference Reporter—A. J. Lyda.

On Freedman's Aid Society—L. H. Jordon, M. Dowler, J. B. Feather, S. E. Steele, J. J. Dolliver, J. W. W. Bolton, W. E. Lovett.

On Post Offices—W. D. Carrico, D. Cool, J. A. H. Wilson, J. W. Griffiths, N. C. Beckley, W. E. Loomis, L. D. Casto.

On the Use of Tobacco—E. C. Wayman, B. Darlington, J. A. Kibbe, G. Crossfield, M. Tichenel, M. McNeel, J. B. Beatty.

On motion, the Committees were authorized to elect their own Chairmen and Secretaries.

Dr. Hunter, of the *Pittsburgh Advocate*, J. A. Fullerton, formerly of the Pennsylvania Central Conference, Bro. Fancion, of the Ohio Conference, and Bro. Coff, of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer of H. C. Westwood to the Indiana Conference, and of L. B. Carpenter, of the Indiana Conference, to the West Virginia Conference.

The Bishop informed the Conference that it was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$40, and the Conference ordered the draft.

On motion, W. M. Mullenix was appointed to receive the collections for the support of the Bishops.

The 8th Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? and J. B. Pinchen, W. H. Shaw, E. Ford, S. Hitchens, and S. R. Dawson were examined, their characters passed and their relation continued.

The 9th Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: Who are the Superannuated Preachers? and D. A. McGinnis, A. Dixon, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, and B. F. Rogers were examined, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

When the name of G. Monroe was called, his Presiding Elder announced that he had died in the triumphs of faith, and now rests from his labors.

The 10th Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: Was the character of each Preacher examined? and the character of the following effective Elders passed, each Presiding Elder giving an account of his district, and each Preacher in charge reporting the amount of missionary money raised in his charge:

Morgantown District—J. W. Webb, P. E., W. M. Mullenix, J. J. Dolliver, J. M. Warden, G. Crossfield, J. L. Clark, W. C. Snodgrass, S. Steele, A. Martin, F. W. Wood, E. S. Wilson.

Clarksburg District—A. Hall, P. E., E. C. Wayman, M. Allen, C. Conner, R. S. Welsh, J. A. Williams, M. W. Rider, S. B. D. Prickett, W. L. Hindman, W. F. Cannon, D. B. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, W. R. White, J. G. Blair.

A call was made for statistics and collections, and the brethren present handed them to the appropriate committees.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

Notices were given, and after singing the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by M. Tichenel.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock—the Bishop in the chair.

Religious services by S. Steele.

The Roll was called, and sixty-four preachers answered to their names.

C. H. Lakin, transferred from the Des Moines Conference to the West Va. Conference; Bro. Boyle, of the Ohio Conference; T. M. Leslie, of the Kentucky Conference, and Dr. Horner, of the Pittsburgh Book Depository, were introduced to the Conference.

T. M. Hartley was appointed on the Committee to examine Local Preachers for ordination to Elders' Orders, in the place of M. Allen, absent.

The 8th Question was resumed, and M. Tichenel and A. B. Rohrbach were passed and continued in a Supernumerary relation.

The 9th Question was resumed, and J. Berkitt, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, and J. L. Sanford were passed and continued in a Superannuated relation.

A Committee of five, consisting of M. Tichenel, J. J. Dolliver, T. B. Hughes, J. M. Warden and W. M. Mullenix, was appointed to investigate the case of A. Stevens.

The 10th Question was resumed, and the character of the following brethren passed :

Wheeling District—G. Martin, P. E., H. C. Westwood, G. W. Richmond, S. W. Davis, T. B. Hughes, E. W. Ryan, A. J. Lyda, T. H. Trainer, W. C. Wilson, C. H. Conway, H. C. Sanford, R. Northcraft, L. H. Jordon, S. King, R. M. Wallace, W. H. Morton, D. Cool.

Buckhannon District—J. W. Reger, T. E. J. Conwell, L. D. Casto, G. Rogers.

J. N. Eckess was granted a Supernumerary relation.

A Committee of Inquiry, consisting of five, was appointed in the case of R. Brooks, who did not go to the work assigned him, consisting of T. H. Trainer, W. R. White, A. Martin, J. W. W. Bolton, S. B. D. Prickett.

Parkersburg District—B. Ison, P. E., J. W. W. Bolton, E. L. Nicholson, R. L. Woodyard, F. H. J. King, W. E. Loomis, M. McNeel, T. M. Hartley, W. W. Kelley, J. P. Coleman, passed. E. B. Blundin was granted a Superannuated relation.

Charleston District—J. M. Powell, P. E., F. Ball, V. Sanford, J. B. Feather, B. Darlington.

Guyandotte District—D. H. K. Dix, P. E., J. A. Kibbe, R. Hagar, B. Hagar.

The Committee on Periodicals was also constituted a Committee on Book Room Accounts, and certain papers in the hands of the Bishop referred to it.

The Exhibit of the Western Book Concern was referred to the Committee on Periodicals and Book Room Accounts.

The 3d Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz : Who remain on trial ? and T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, M. A. W. Young, J. S. Laughlin, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, J. Eikleberger, W. C. Griffith and J. A. Fullerton were examined and passed on the studies of the first year, and continued on trial.

The 6th question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: Who are the Deacons of the second year? and N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, N. C. Beckley, W. McClelland, L. L. Stewart, were examined and passed on the studies of the third year.

J. B. Beatty was continued as a Deacon of the First Class.

A call was made for statistics and collections, and the brethren who were not present yesterday passed them over to the appropriate committees.

The Committee on Public Worship was instructed to have service in two Churches.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Conference having been adjourned by the expiration of time, notices were given, the Doxology sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 7, 1873.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair. Religious services were conducted by Dr. Hunter.

The further calling of the Roll was dispensed with.

A. W. Lawrence, Lay Steward from Morgantown District, and Bro. Walker, of the Congregational Church of Huntington, were introduced to the Conference.

The annual exhibit of the *Pittsburgh Advocate* was presented and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The annual report of the Book Committee was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The 3d Question was resumed, and H. J. Boatman, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett were examined, passed and continued on trial.

The 6th Question was resumed, and J. T. McCartney and C. J. Trippett were examined and passed as Deacons of the Second Class.

The 7th Question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, W. D. Carrico, W. J. Sharpes, J. W. Hess, F. M. Hughes and J. T. Carroll were examined, passed and elected Elders.

Mr. Dowler being in Elders' Orders, was examined and passed on the fourth year's course of study.

L. A. Tallman was passed and continued as a Deacon of the First Class.

The case of E. C. Woodruff was referred to the Committee on the case of R. Brooks.

The 9th Question was resumed, and the Committee on the case of A. Stevens made a report, which was read and adopted. (See report.)

The Committee on the case of R. Brooks made a report which was read and adopted. (See report.)

The Bishop called up to the altar the candidates for admission into full connection for examination, according to discipline, and made them a very impressive address full of unction and power.

The 4th and 5th Questions of the General Minutes were taken up, viz: Who are admitted into full connection? and Who are Deacons of the First Class? and J. A. H. Wilson, G. C. Schaeffer, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, J. F. Chenowith, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Alemond and J. W. Griffiths were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

J. F. Snodgrass was admitted into full connection, being a Deacon.

F. W. Wood was admitted into full connection, having been in Orders in the Roman Catholic Church.

M. G. Sayre was continued on trial.

F. B. Hornbrook and W. W. Harper were discontinued.

The Committee on Education made a report, which was read and adopted. (See report.)

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Conference having been adjourned by time, notices were given, and after singing the Doxology the Benediction was pronounced by S. D. Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 8, 1873.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, religious services being conducted by J. J. Dolliver.

Bro. Mansel, of the India Mission Conference, and Bros. Walsh and Rice of the Kentucky Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

A circular from J. H. Vincent, Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society, was read and referred to the Sunday School and Tract Committees.

The Bishop presented certain papers in relation to the Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union, which were referred to a committee of three, consisting of W. M. Mullenix, E. W. Ryan and F. Ball.

The Stewards made their reports (Nos. 1 and 2) which were read and adopted. (See reports.)

Bro. Mullenix made a report on the Bishops' Fund, which was read and adopted.

The 3d Question was resumed, and J. T. Davis was passed and continued on trial.

The 7th Question was resumed, and the Committee on the case of E. C. Woodruff made their report, which was read and adopted.

The 8th Question was resumed, and A. J. Lyon and S. E. Steele were passed, and their relation was continued.

The 19th Question of the General Minutes was taken up: Have any local preachers been ordained? and J. Lee, J. G. Thompson, J. B. Harrah, W. E. Lovett and J. L. Moses were elected to Deacons' Orders.

J. G. Weaver, having presented his certificate of ordination in the Methodist Protestant Church, and having answered the disciplinary questions, was recognized as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On motion, the Conference elected temporary officers for the Missionary Society as follows: W. M. Mullenix, President; E. W. Ryan, Secretary; A. J. Lyda, Assistant Secretary; R. Northcraft, Treasurer.

A resolution in relation to the studies of J. L. Moses was adopted.

A resolution in relation to Church property on Short Creek was adopted.

A resolution on grading the examination of the Preachers was adopted.

A report from N. Goff, Treasurer of the West Virginia Education Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution on the time of holding the Conference was adopted.

The Financial report of the Secretaries was adopted.

The Visiting Committee for Alleghany College presented their report, which was adopted.

The 23d Question of the General Minutes was taken up: Where and when shall the next Conference be held? and Fairmont was selected as the place; time not given.

A collection was ordered for the Secretaries' Fund, and \$10.81 was raised.

The Committee on Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts presented their report, which was read and adopted.

F. M. Hughes was placed on the committee for collecting funds for publishing the Minutes, in the place of J. D. Casto, absent.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Conference being adjourned by expiration, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction pronounced by B. Hagar.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1873.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. The religious services were conducted by the Bishop.

A communication from Dr. Haven was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Bishop presented certain papers on Church Extension, which were referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

A report from the President of Alleghany College, and other papers in relation to Alleghany College, were referred to the Committee on Education.

The Bishop presented a certificate of the ordination of the Deacons and Elders.

The Bishop reported the Committees of Examination for the ensuing Conference year. (See committees.)

The Bishop reported, as per resolution of Conference, the "Triers of Appeals."

Also, Conference Board of Church Extension.

Also, Conference Missionary Society Officers.

The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was read and adopted.

On motion, F. W. Wood was released from examinations before the committees in future.

J. T. Davis was placed among the Deacons of the First Class.

J. D. Benedum, G. W. Matheny and J. B. Beatty were granted a Superannuated relation.

W. H. Wiley, M. Dowler, M. Allen and L. A. Tallman were granted a Supernumerary relation.

The 2d Question of the General Minutes: Who are admitted on trial? was taken up, and J. W. Huggins and Z. M. Silbaugh, of the Morgantown district; G. W. Parrott, of the Wheeling district; J. Lee, of the Clarksburg district; A. Mick, of the Buckannon district; C. H. Cox, of the Parkersburg district; Geo. C. Wilding and R. P. Vanmeter, of the Charleston district, were duly recommended and admitted on trial.

On motion, A. Wells, a colored preacher, was elected to Deacons' Orders.

A resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote.

A resolution of thanks to the Bishop was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report, which was read and adopted,

The Committee on the Ladies' and Pastors' Union Society made a report, which was read and adopted.

The Church Extension Society made a report, which was read and adopted, and the funds reported were placed in the hands of Dr. Horner.

The Church Extension Board made a report apportioning to the several districts the amount assessed to the Conference.

The Committee on Education made report No. 2, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Preachers' Aid Society made a report, which was read, adopted, and requested to be published in the *Pittsburgh Advocate*.

A resolution of sympathy with M. Allen was adopted.

A collection was ordered for the Sexton, and \$11.06 was raised.

The Committee on Memoirs reported. Read and adopted.

On motion, the Memoir of J. West, a local preacher, was ordered for publication in the Conference Minutes.

The Annual Report of the Conference Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

The Committee on Freedman's Aid Society made a report, which was read and adopted.

In compliance with the request of the Moundsville Camp Meeting Committee, the Conference appointed the following as a Committee on the Moundsville Camp Meeting: F. Ball, G. W. Richmond, T. B. Hughes, W. C. Wilson, S. W. Davis, A. J. Lyda and G. Martin.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made a report, which was read and adopted.

A resolution on Temperance, in place of the report of the Committee on Temperance, was adopted.

The Committee on the Tract Society made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Bible Cause made a report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath made a report, which was read and adopted.

A resolution on the abbreviation of reports for the Minutes was adopted.

The Preacher in charge of Point Pleasant Circuit was appointed a committee to look after the Pumphrey bequest.

The Committee on Funds held by the Pittsburgh Conference made a verbal report, and the Committee was continued.

Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Bro. Blunden were adopted.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to apportion among the several districts the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

On motion, the Conference stood adjourned *sine die*, after religious services and reading the appointments.

The closing religious exercises were conducted by the Bishop; the APPOINTMENTS were read, the assembly dismissed with benediction and the Conference session closed.

Disciplinary Questions.

I QUESTION.—Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?

ANSWER.—L. B. Carpenter, C. H. Lakin, by Transfer.

II QUES.—Who are admitted on Trial?

ANS.—J. W. Huggins, Z. M. Silbaugh, G. W. Parrott, J. Lee, A. Mick, C. H. Cox, G. C. Wilding, R. Vanmeter

III QUES.—Who remain on Trial?

ANS.—T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, M. A. W. Young, J. S. Laughlin, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, J. Eichleberger, W. C. Griffith, J. A. Fullerton, H. J. Boatman, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, M. G. Sayre.

IV QUES.—Who are admitted into Full Connection?

ANS.—J. A. H. Wilson, G. E. Shaeffer, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, J. F. Chenowith, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Allmong, J. W. Griffiths, J. T. Snodgrass, F. W. Wood.

V QUES.—Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

ANS.—J. A. H. Wilson, G. E. Shaeffer, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, J. F. Chenowith, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Allmong, J. W. Griffiths, J. T. Snodgrass, J. T. Davis, J. B. Beatty, L. A. Tallman.

VI QUES.—Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?

ANS.—N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, N. E. Beckley, W. McClelland, L. L. Stewart, J. T. McCartney, C. J. Trippett, E. C. Woodruff.

VII QUES.—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—J. P. Thatcher, J. S. Freeland, W. D. Carrico, W. J. Sharpes, J. W. Hess, F. M. Hughes, J. T. Carroll.

VIII QUES.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANS.—J. B. Pinchen, W. H. Shaw, E. Ford, S. Hitchen, S. E. Steele, S. R. Dawson, M. Tichenel, A. B. Rohrbaugh, A. J. Lyon, W. H. Wiley, M. Dowler, M. Allen, L. A. Tallman.

IX QUES.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANS.—D. A. McGinnis, A. Dixon, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, B. F. Rogers, J. Birkitt, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, J. L. Sanford, A. Stevens, S. D. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, J. B. Beatty.

X QUES.—Was the character of each Preacher examined?

ANS.—Their names were called over before the Conference, and their characters were passed.

XI QUES.—Have any located?

ANS.—None.

XII QUES.—Have any withdrawn?

ANS.—None.

XIII QUES.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

ANS.—H. C. Westwood, to the Indiana Conference.

XIV, QUES.—Have any been expelled?

ANS.—None.

XV QUES.—Have any died?

ANS.—G. Monroe, E. B. Blundon. (See Memoirs.)

XVI QUES.—What is the Statistical Report?

ANS.—(See Statistics.)

XVII QUES.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANS.—For the support of Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers,..... \$2,200 00.

XVIII QUES.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—From Circuits and Stations.....	\$668 83
“ the Chartered Fund.....	40 00
“ Interest on funds in hands of Bro. Steele.....	6 50
“ “ “ “ Bro. Mullenix.....	11 00

\$726 33

Which has been disbursed as follows:

R. R. Brooks,.....	\$161 33	Brought up,.....	\$541 63
A. Dixon,.....	100 00	B. Hagar,	10 00
F. Guthrie,.....	70 00	N. C. Beckley,	25 00
Widow Warman,.....	50 00	C. S. Allmong,	25 00
Widow Burns,.....	25 00	J. C. Sidebottom,	25 00
Widow Smith,.....	40 00	Renix Weese,	10 00
Widow Vandervort's Child.,	20 00	J. W. Vincent,	10 00
C. H. Conway,.....	25 00	A. Workman,	10 00
G. W. Metheny,.....	25 00	V. Sanford,	10 00
G. W. McClelland,.....	25 00	J. S. Carroll,	10 00
D. S. Benedum,	15 00	J. N. Eckess,.....	10 00
M. G. Sayre,	15 00	J. W. Griffiths,	10 00

\$541 63

Total,..... \$726 33

XIX QUES.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

ANS.—J. Lee, J. G. Thompson, J. B. Harrah, W. E. Lovett, J. L. Moses.

XX QUES.—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

ANS.—Alleghany College. (See report.)

XXI QUES.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

ANS.—President, F. Ball; Vice President, C. D. Hubbard; Cor. Secretary, E. W. Ryan; Rec. Secretary, John Baile; Treasurer, James Read; Managers, T. B. Hughes, T. H. Trainer, A. J. Lyda, J. W. Webb, John Herron, John E. Sisson, Dr. T. H. Logan.

XXII QUES.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

No.	APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in charge.	State in Ministry.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	MORGANTOWN DIST....	J. W. Webb, P. E....	4	Elder.....	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	W. Va.
2	" Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
3	" Circuit.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	3	Elder.....	"	"	"
4	Smithtown.....	J. W. Hess.....	1	Elder.....	Smithtown.....	"	"
5	Monongalia.....	J. M. Warden.....	3	Elder.....	Granville.....	"	"
6	"	D. Tasker.....	1	On Trial.	"	"	"
7	Brandonville.....	G. Crossfield.....	2	Elder.....	Brandonville.....	Preston.....	"
8	Pleasant Hill.....	J. G. Weaver.....	1	Supply.....	Portland.....	"	"
9	Grantsville.....	W. J. Sharpes.....	3	Elder.....	Grantsville.....	Garrett.....	Md.....
10	Kingwood.....	W. C. Griffith.....	2	On Trial.	Kingwood.....	Preston.....	W. Va.
11	"	J. Lee.....	1	On Trial.	"	"	"
12	Oakland.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	1	Elder.....	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md.....
13	"	E. A. Johnson.....	1	Supply.....	"	"	"
14	Newburg.....	W. E. Snodgrass.....	2	Elder.....	Newburg.....	Preston.....	W. Va.
15	Rowlesburg.....	T. R. Faulkner.....	1	Deacon.....	Rowlesburg.....	"	"
16	Evansville.....	J. A. Fullerton.....	2	On Trial.	Evansville.....	"	"
17	Grafton.....	S. Steele.....	2	Elder.....	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	"
18	Knottsville & Fetterm'n	C. J. Trippett.....	1	Deacon.....	Knottsville.....	"	"
19	"	G. E. Hite.....	2	On Trial.	"	"	"
20	Palatine.....	W. H. Young.....	1	Deacon.....	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
21	St. George.....	T. W. Chidester.....	1	On Trial.	St. George.....	Tucker.....	"
22	Swanton.....	To be supplied.....			Swanton.....	Garrett.....	Md.....
23	Pres. State University.	A. Martin*.....		Elder.....	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	W. Va.
24	Prof. " " "	F. W. Wood*.....		Elder.....	"	"	"
25	WHEELING DISTRICT....	F. Ball, P. E.....	1	Elder.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	W. Va.
26	Fourth Street.....	L. B. Carpenter.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
27	North " " "	G. W. Richmond.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
28	Thomson Church.....	G. Martin.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
29	Zane Street.....	T. B. Hughes.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
30	Chapline Street.....	S. W. Davis.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
31	Wesley Church.....	A. J. Lyda.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
32	Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	2	Elder.....	Moundsville.....	Marshall...	"
33	Marshall.....	T. H. Trainer.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
34	New Martinsville.....	C. H. Conway.....	3	Elder.....	New Martinsville	Wetzel.....	"
35	Woodland.....	G. W. Parrott.....	1	On Trial.	Woodland.....	"	"
36	Greene.....	E. E. Woodruff.....	1	Deacon.....	Bellton.....	Marshall...	"
37	Cameron.....	H. C. Sanford.....	2	Elder.....	Cameron.....	"	"
38	Grave Creek.....	D. Cool.....	2	Elder.....	Moundsville.....	"	"
39	" " " "	H. Riggs (supply)	1	"	"	"	"
40	Dallas.....	R. Northcraft.....	2	Elder.....	Dallas.....	"	"
41	Short Creek & Liberty.	L. H. Jordan.....	3	Elder.....	Liberty.....	Ohio.....	"
42	Triadelphia.....	S. King.....	2	Elder.....	Triadelphia.....	"	"
43	Benwood.....	L. L. Stewart.....	1	Deacon.....	Benwood.....	Marshall...	"
44	Fem'le College, Wh'Png	W. H. Morton†.....		Elder.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
45	CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.	A. Hall, P. E.....	2	Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	W. Va.
46	" Station.....	J. L. Clark.....	1	Elder.....	Clarksburg.....	Harrison...	"
47	West Milford.....	E. S. Wilson.....	1	Elder.....	West Milford.....	"	"
48	" " " "	H. H. Westwood.....	1	On Trial.	"	"	"
49	" " " "	J. W. Huggins.....	1	On Trial.	"	"	"
50	Salem.....	C. Conner.....	3	Elder.....	Salem.....	"	"

*Members Morgantown Quarterly Meeting.

†Member Fourth Street Quarterly Conference.

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51	Smithton.....	R. S. Welsh.....	3	Elder.....	Swanton.....	Doddridge..	W. Va.
52	Lumberport.....	W. D. Carrico.....	1	Elder.....	Lumberport.....	Harrison.....	"
53	Pruntytown.....	W. F. Cannon.....	1	Elder.....	Pruntytown.....	Taylor.....	"
54	".....	R. T. Vanmeter.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
55	Bridgeport.....	S. Harris (sup).....	1	Supply.....	Bridgeport.....	Harrison.....	"
56	Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	2	Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
57	Marion.....	W. L. Hindman.....	2	Elder.....	Barracksville.....	".....	"
58	".....	One to be supplied.....					
59	Mannington.....	R. M. Wallace.....	1	Elder.....	Mannington.....	Marion.....	W. Va.
60	Pine Grove.....	G. W. McClelland.....	1	Deacon.....	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	"
61	Blacksville.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	1	".....	Jollytown.....	Greene.....	Penn.
62	Burton Mission.....	J. D. Woods.....	1	".....	Burton.....	Wetzel.....	W. Va.
63	Agent Am. Bible Socy.....	W. R. White*.....		Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
64	Princi'l Normal School.....	J. G. Blair*.....		Elder.....	".....	".....	"
65	BUCKHANNON DIST.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	2	Elder.....	Buckannon.....	Upshur.....	W. Va.
66	" Station.....	F. M. Hughes.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
67	" Circuit.....	G. Rogers.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
68	Phillippi.....	John Conwell.....	1	".....	Phillippi.....	Barbour.....	"
69	Upshur.....	S. S. Laughlin.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
70	Beverly.....	H. Foggy.....	1	Supply.....	Beverly.....	Randolph.....	W. Va.
71	Webster.....	To be supplied.....			Addison.....	Webster.....	"
72	Braxton.....	A. Mick.....	1	On Trial.....	Sutton.....	Braxton.....	"
73	Frenchton.....	L. D. Casto.....	1	Elder.....	Centreville.....	Upshur.....	"
74	Canaan.....	J. C. Rexroad.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
75	Weston.....	J. T. McCartney.....	1	Deacon.....	Weston.....	Lewis.....	W. Va.
76	Glenville.....	W. E. Lovett.....	1	On Trial.....	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	"
77	Freemansburg.....	J. A. Williams.....	1	Elder.....	".....	".....	"
78	Lewis.....	To be supplied.....					
79	PARKERSBURG DIST.....	P. Ison, P. E.....	4	Elder.....	Parkersburg.....	Wood.....	W. Va.
80	" Station.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	3	".....	".....	".....	"
81	" Circuit.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	2	".....	".....	".....	"
82	Williamstown Station.....	G. C. Shaeffer.....	1	Deacon.....	Williamstown.....	".....	"
83	" Circuit.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	2	Elder.....	Parkersburg.....	".....	"
84	Volcano.....	E. C. Wayman.....	1	".....	Volcano.....	".....	"
85	Murraysville.....	W. E. Rippey.....	1	Deacon.....	Murraysville.....	Jackson.....	"
86	".....	C. H. Cox.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
87	Ravenswood.....	W. E. Loomis.....	3	Elder.....	Ravenswood.....	".....	"
88	Harrisville.....	M. McNeel.....	2	".....	Harrisville.....	Ritchie.....	"
89	Elizabeth.....	J. F. Chenowith.....	3	Deacon.....	Elizabeth.....	Wirt.....	"
90	Ellenboro.....	T. M. Hartley.....	3	Elder.....	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
91	".....	Z. M. Silbaugh.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
92	Burning Spring.....	J. S. Freeland.....	1	Elder.....	Burning Spring.....	Wirt.....	"
93	West Union.....	H. J. Boatman.....	2	On Trial.....	West Union.....	Doddridge..	"
94	Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelley.....	3	Elder.....	Sistersville.....	Tyler.....	"
95	".....	One to be supplied.....			".....	".....	"
96	Middlebourne.....	F. H. J. King.....	1	Elder.....	Middlebourne.....	".....	"
97	Centreville.....	J. P. Coleman.....		".....	Centreville.....	".....	"
98	CHARLESTON DIST.....	J. M. Powell, P. E.....	2	Elder.....	Hartford City.....	Mason.....	W. Va.
99	" Station.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	1	".....	Kanawha C. H.....	Kanawha.....	"
100	" Circuit.....	B. Darlington.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
101	Nicholas.....	N. C. Beckley.....	1	Deacon.....	Summersville.....	Nicholas.....	"
102	Mountain Cove.....	M. A. W. Young.....	1	On Trial.....	Mountain Cove.....	Fayette.....	"
103	Raymond City.....	B. Hagar.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
104	Elk River.....	T. P. Ryan.....	1	Supply.....	".....	".....	"
105	Mill Creek.....	J. W. Griffiths.....	2	".....	".....	".....	"
106	Point Pleasant.....	J. C. Wilding.....	1	On Trial.....	".....	".....	"
107	Letart.....	F. A. Trippett.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
108	Clifton.....	C. E. Manchester.....	2	".....	".....	".....	"
109	Hartford City.....	J. B. Feather.....	2	Elder.....	Fair Haven.....	Mason.....	W. Va.
110	Spencer.....	C. H. Lakin.....	1	".....	".....	".....	"
111	Bell Creek.....	J. B. Harrah.....	1	Supply.....	".....	".....	"
112	Calhoun.....	J. T. Davis.....	1	Deacon.....	".....	".....	"
113	GUYANDOTTE DIST.....	D. H. K. Dix.....	4	Elder.....	Kanawha C. H.....	Kanawha.....	W. Va.
114	" Station.....	M. W. Ryder.....	1	".....	Guyandotte.....	Cabell.....	"
115	Huntington.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	2	".....	Huntington.....	".....	"
116	Barboursville.....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	1	Deacon.....	Barboursville.....	".....	"
117	Wayne.....	C. S. Allmong.....		Elder.....	".....	".....	"
118	Sandy.....	E. Hagar.....		Deacon.....	Winfield.....	Putnam.....	W. Va.
119	Winfield.....	N. L. Baumgardner.....	1	Deacon.....	Winfield.....	Putnam.....	W. Va.

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120	Monticello	J. L. Moses.....	1	Supply ...			
121	Hamlin.....	R. Brooks.....	1	Elder.....			
122	Coal River.....	V. Sanford.....	1	Elder.....			
123	Boone.....	A. T. Morrison.....	1	Deacon...			
124	Logan.....	To be supplied.....					
125	Fayette.....	J. T. Carroll.....	1	Elder.....			
126	Mercer.....	M. G. Sayre.....	1				
127	McDowell & Wyoming.	G. H. Williams.....		Supply ...			
128	Raleigh.....	R. Weese.....	3				
129	Summers.....	A. Workman.....	1	Supply ...			

H. C. Westwood, transferred to Indiana Conference.

XXIII QUES.—Where and when shall our next Conference be held ?

ANS.—Fairmont—Time not given.

LIST OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>		
Charles McLane,.....	Morgantown,	Monongalia County,	W. Va.
A. L. Wade,.....	"	"	"
F. W. Dean,.....	"	"	"
L. Worman,.....	Ice's Ferry,	"	"
Morgan Boyers,.....	Granville,	"	"
Nelson Watters,.....	"	"	"
G. W. Smith.....	"	"	"
Newton Stewart.....	Laurel Point,	"	"
Israel Rich.....	"	"	"
Daniel Tichenel.....	Pleasant Hill,	Preston	"
J. C. Robinson.....	Glade Farm,	"	"
C. Ringer,.....	Morgan's Glade,	"	"
John M. Davis,.....	Oakland,	Alleghany	" Md.
E. G. Murphy.....	Grafton,	Taylor	" W. Va.
F. G. W. Ford.....	Kasson,	Barbour	" "
H. L. Cox.....	"	"	" "
D. K. Ford.....	"	"	" "
Joseph Dewitt.....	Johnstown,	Alleghany	" Md.
D. H. Friend.....	"	"	" "
John W. Carrico.....	St. George,	Tucker	" W. Va.
Joseph Grubb, E.....	White Day,	Monongalia	" "
Thomas Hawkins.....	"	"	" "
J. H. Gibson.....	Albrightsville,	Preston	" "
P. S. Barrack.....	Tunnelton,	"	" "
J. J. Davis.....	Palatine,	Marion	" "
Jacob Swisher.....	Canton,	"	" "
J. Hawkins.....	"	"	" "
M. Doolittle.....	Bowers,	"	" "
M. Knotts.....	Fellowsville,	Preston	" "

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	<i>County, W. Va.</i>	
E. J. Stone, E*.....	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, W. Va.
W. L. Gilbreath, L†.....	"	"	" "
W. G. Riheldaffer, L.....	"	"	" "
James Baggs, L.....	"	"	" "
J. A. Lancaster, D†.....	"	"	" "
Wm. G. Hobbs, E.....	"	"	" "
David Charnock, D.....	"	"	" "
Jacob Jefferson, L.....	"	"	" "
Joseph Willets, D.....	"	"	" "
William Evans, L.....	Moundsville,	Marshall	" "
S. Jones, D.	"	"	" "
George Pelley, D.....	"	"	" "
H. Riggs, L.....	"	"	" "
B. B. Newman, L.....	"	"	" "
Joseph Turner, D.....	Limestone,	"	" "
W. R. Humphrey, L.....	Martin's Ferry,	Belmont	" Ohio.
J. E. Webb, L.....	Greggsville,	Ohio	" W. Va.
George Franklin, D.....	Silver Hill,	Wetzel	" "
Taylor Richmond, L.....	"	"	" "
John Alley, D.....	Glen Easton,	Marshall	" "
G. W. Parrott, L.	Bellton,	"	" "
J. M. Blair.....	Beeler's Station,	"	" "
Jas. Glendenning, D.....	New Martinsville,	Wetzel	" "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	<i>County, W. Va.</i>	
D. Rector, D.	Clarksburg,	Harrison	County, W. Va.
G. W. Morgan.....	"	"	" "
J. G. Thompson.....	"	"	" "
James S. Lawson	"	"	" "
Aaron Vincent, E.....	Shinnston,	"	" "
Jonathan Holt, E.....	West Milford,	"	" "
A. C. Rider, D.....	Quiet Dell,	"	" "
Samuel P. Wilson.....	Kincheloe,	"	" "
Joseph B. Frasier.....	"	"	" "
Wm. B. Stephens.....	Sycamore Dale,	"	" "
M. W. Davis, D.....	Cherry Camp,	"	" "
Abraham Gabbert.....	Salem,	"	" "
Elias Robinson.....	Brown's Mills,	"	" "
Jesse Flowers.....	Hessville,	"	" "
Robert Miller.....	Sardis,	"	" "
Jas. Edgell.....	Pine Grove,	Wetzel	" "
A. T. George.....	"	"	" "
Wm. Conway.....	Littleton,	"	" "
D. Turney.....	Fairmont,	Marion	" "

*Elders. †Deacons. ‡Licentiates.

Jas. Burns, D.....	Fairmont,	Marion	County, W. Va.
Chas. A. Swearingen.....	"	"	" "
Stephen H. Amos.....	Reevesville,	"	" "
P. G. Sturm.....	Mannington,	"	" "
P. S. Barrack, D.....	"	"	" "
B. F. Charlton.....	"	"	" "
Jas. Hays.....	Beatty's Mills,	"	" "
D. Cunningham, E.....	"	"	" "
Jas. Musgrave.....	"	"	" "
Jesse Nixon.....	Boothsville,	"	" "
Eli Sharp.....	Worthington,	"	" "
Austin Reeder.....	Flemington,	Taylor	" "
Wm. Lewin.....	"	"	" "
J. T. Myers.....	Blacksville,	Monongalia	" "
Stephen H. Headlee.....	"	"	" "
John D. Snodgrass.....	Yeater's Mills,	Doddridge	" "
Wm. N. Edgell, D.....	"	"	" "
R. Laughlin, E.....	Spraggs,	Greene	" Pa.
John Woodruff.....	Jollytown,	"	" "
Wm. Woodruff.....	"	"	" "

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	
J. I. Stewart, L.....	Tollgate,	Doddridge County, W. Va.
J. T. Hickman, D.....	Sistersville,	Tyler " "
T. R. Park.....	Ravenswood,	Jackson " "
S. Ball.....	"	" " "
S. Williams.....	"	" " "
W. R. Mahan.....	Cottageville,	" " "
J. Steele.....	Lockhart's Run,	Wood " "
C. Stevens.....	Fountain Spring,	" " "
R. Ranard.....	Williamstown,	" " "
B. Athey.....	"	" " "
Levi Newbank.....	Bull Creek,	" " "
E. McPherson.....	Parkersburg,	" " "
C. Anderson.....	Bellville,	" " "
S. M. Robinson.....	Elizabeth,	Wirt " "
E. Riddle.....	Harrisville,	Ritchie " "
— Curry, L.....	Ellenboro,	" " "
J. D. Trainer, D.....	"	" " "
E. Clayton, L.....	White Oak,	" " "
J. W. Miller, D.....	Bone Creek,	" " "
J. Hardman, D.....	Goff's,	" " "
W. Zerkey.....	Glenville,	Gilmer " "
T. Crane.....	"	" " "
J. W. Amis, E.....	Parkersburg,	Wood " "
D. King.....	Sistersville,	Tyler " "
R. Martin.....	Van Camp,	Wetzel " "
J. Young.....	"	" " "
Stephen Loveall.....	"	" " "
D. Meredith, E.....	Centreville,	Tyler " "

J. Ankrom.....	Middlebourne,	Tyler	County, W. Va.
C. Anderson.....	Bellville,	Jackson	" "
J. Anderson.....	Sandyville,	"	" "
S. C. Rareden.....	Ravenswood,	"	" "
J. Stewart.....	Greenwood,	Doddridge	" "
J. T. Childers.....	New Milton,	"	" "
W. N. Edgell.....	Teter's Mill,	"	" "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>		
Jacob Bird, D.....	Mason City,	Mason	County, W. Va.
R. B. Sandford, L.....	New Haven,	"	" "
U. Pribble, E.....	Point Pleasant,	"	" "
J. M. Hill, L.....	Leon,	"	" "
W. D. Sandford, D.....	Clendennan,	Kanawha	" "
S. F. Smith, L.....	Newton,	Roane	" "
S. B. Grose, L.....	Valley Fork,	Clay	" "
A. Naylor, L.....	Newton,	Roane	" "
J. M. Ashley, L.....	"	"	" "
N. W. Shannon, L.....	Clay C. H.,	Clay	" "
C. R. Shackelford, L....	Newton,	Roane	" "
E. Radebaugh, D.....	Spencer,	"	" "
B. Rogers, D.....	"	"	" "
J. Pringle, L.....	"	"	" "
D. Skidmore, L.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	" "
J. B. Legg, L.....	Mountain Cove,	Fayette	" "
J. A. Hundley, L.....	"	"	" "
G. A. Hundley, L.....	"	"	" "
J. B. Harrah, L.....	"	"	" "
J. W. Grose, D.....	Cross Lanes,	Nicholas	" "
J. C. Crose, L.....	"	"	" "
L. D. Hill, D.....	Cannelton,	Kanawha	" "
J. T. Morton, L.....	Big Sycamore,	Clay	" "
A. S. Waugh, L.....	Elk River,	"	" "
D. Schoonover, L.....	"	"	" "
W. Surrat, L.....	Big Sycamore,	"	" "
J. Holcomb, L.....	"	"	" "
J. M. Hypes, L.....	"	"	" "
R. Hughes, L.....	Gauley Bridge,	Fayette	" "
E. R. T. Morton, L.....	Big Sycamore,	Clay	" "
J. F. Williams, L.....	Cross Lanes,	Nicholas	" "
M. A. Matheny, L.....	Jarrett's Ford,	Kanawha	" "
H. Scott, L.....	Charleston,	"	" "
R. Cadwallender, L.....	Kanawha Salines,	"	" "
C. King, L.....	Charleston,	"	" "
W. A. Woodall, L.....	Pocotalico,	"	" "
J. P. Withrow, L....	"	"	" "
T. P. Ryan, L.....	Walton,	Roane	" "
J. D. Strickland, D.....	Leon,	Mason	" "

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>		
James D. Garrett.....	Twelvepole Falls,	Wayne	County, W. Va.
Joseph Newman.....	"	"	" "
E. P. Morrison.....	"	"	" "
Wm. L. Dangerfield.....	Hubbardstown,	"	" "
Joseph Shannon.....	Round Bottom,	"	" "
Milton Elkins.....	Ceredo,	"	" "
J. Taylor.....	Guyandotte,	Cabell	" "
James C. Black.....	Hamlin,	Lincoln	" "
James G. Thornton.....	"	"	" "
Wm. A. Carroll.....	"	"	" "
Bennett D. Mahone.....	"	"	" "
Eli B. Wilkinson.....	"	"	" "
Eliphus Spurlock.....	"	"	" "
Elias P. Vickers.....	Madison,	Boone	" "
John L. Moses.....	Frazier's Bottom,	Putnam	" "
James Taylor.....			
James H. Holly.....			
Samuel Neal.....	Point Pleasant,	Mason	" "
Sylvester Needham.....	Buffalo,	Putnam,	" "
John M. Smith.....	Coalsmouth,	Kanawha	" "
John B. Biers.....	Peytona,	Boone	" "
James Peters.....	Bald Knob,	"	" "
Sherwood O. Estep.....	Madison,	"	" "
Alfred Baldwin.....	"	"	" "
Andrew D. Perry.....	"	"	" "
Ulysses Hinchman.....	Rich Creek,	Logan	" "
Adam Browning.....	Logan C. H.,	"	" "
Jesse Browning.....	"	"	" "
Alexander Varny.....	"	"	" "
John Vanatta.....	Madison,	Boone	" "
John Kincaid.....	Fayette,		
Wm. Johnson.....	"		
Wm. A. Settle.....	"		
Robert Scarborough.....	"		
George W. Crook.....	Jumping Branch,	Summers	" "
A. Beckley, Sr.....	Raleigh C. H.,	Raleigh	" "
Wm. A. Eskew.....	Oak Hill,	Fayette	" "
Wm. Wristen.....	Clear Creek,	Raleigh	" "
Wm. Turner.....	Matville,	"	" "
Wm. H. Mongold.....	Jarrett's Valley,	"	" "
Jas. F. Webb.....	Trap Hill,	"	" "
Joseph C. Sidebottom.....	Beckley,	"	" "
A. Workman.....	Marshes Coal,	"	" "
M. Ownby.....	Blue Stone,	Tazewell	" Va.
George H. Williams.....	Wyoming C. H.,		W. Va.
Wm. C. Martin.....	Concord,	Mercer	" "
T. K. Lambert.....	Rock P. O.,	"	" "

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown District is about three hundred miles in circumference, and about seventy-five miles wide. It includes fifteen circuits and stations, with a membership including probationers of six thousand three hundred and forty-one. The statistics at our last session show the number of churches to be eighty, an increase of six over the previous year, and valued at \$74,578. Eight new churches have been dedicated during the year now closing, and will show a corresponding increase in the value of church property. Sixteen more churches are in course of erection, and will, we hope, be completed the ensuing year. Among these the most prominent is at Grafton, a growing town, increasing rapidly in population and in a central location. Our Church in Grafton under the pastorate of Bro. Steele is progressing spiritually, financially and numerically. The brethren have, at great sacrifice, built a *very fine brick church*, with a fine basement and audience room, all above ground. They have proceeded so far as to have the basement ready for dedication. It is one of the nicest rooms in our Conference. The brethren have had but little help outside of Grafton, and none whatever from the Church Extension Board. They need all the help they can obtain, and ought really to have it. If any society in the Church is entitled to sympathy and financial aid, it is the society at Grafton.

About \$2,615 00 have been expended in remodeling and refitting old churches. We have nine Parsonages, valued at \$12,370. To these may be added a neat and comfortable house, purchased in Morgantown for a District Parsonage, at a cost of \$2,000.

The financial condition of the District, though far below what it should be, is improving. The salaries of the preachers will be on most of the charges reported paid. I have been, as the brethren will bear me record, indefatigable in my efforts to bring up the finances—to educate our people in their duty to support the ministry, and not, I trust, without some success. Our contributions for benevolent purposes will equal if not exceed those of last year.

An increasing interest is everywhere manifested in Sunday Schools. Larger libraries have been provided, and they are more numerous attended. The "International Lessons" are being gradually introduced with the most happy results. Some of the ablest and most devoted laymen are taking an active part in this noble work. Many of the children have been the subjects of renewing grace, and have united with the Church.

Our Church periodicals are being more widely circulated and more extensively read. The able organ of our own Conference deserves, and is receiving an increased circulation.

The Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* should be placed in every Methodist family in the Conference. Those members who read our Church periodicals are generally the most liberal in paying their pastors, and in their contributions to benevolent purposes.

The advantages for a liberal education are remarkably good. The State University at Morgantown, under the Presidency of Rev. A. Martin, D. D., still retains its well earned reputation as a first-class institution. The number of students is increasing, and for inexpensive and thorough educational facilities it is unsurpassed. Parents having sons to educate need have no misgivings in regard to their moral and intellectual training. I think it due Dr. Martin to state in this connection that, in addition to his arduous labors at the University, he preaches almost every Sabbath, has rendered very efficient aid in dedicating churches, and is emphatically the most *untiring worker in the Conference*.

At the almost unanimous request of the Quarterly Conference, a District Conference was held at Grafton in the month of January, and was a *decided success*. The attendance was good. Every interest of the work was carefully considered. Laymen of culture and ability were members, and took an active part in its deliberations. The congregations during divine service were large and solemn, and many appeared to be deeply impressed. The Lord's Supper was administered at the close of the Conference, and was followed by an experience meeting of great spiritual power. Eight or ten persons united with the Church, and both Ministers and Laymen were *thoroughly convinced* of the utility of this new feature in the economy of the Church.

On the whole, the work in the District is highly encouraging. The preachers are *blameless in their lives—they are holy men*, willing to endure hardnets as good soldiers; arrived promptly at their work, have labored with great zeal and acceptability, suffering no minor objects to engage their attention, and have kept full in view the glory of God in the salvation of men. To this end they have preached, visited from house to house, conversed with the people on religious subjects, prayed for them; have met the classes, read the Discipline, and scrupulously guarded every interest of the Church. Nor have the local preachers been idle; but on the contrary, many of them are very active and useful. The march of piety, both as to an increase of subjects and to depth and solidity, is still onward. On almost every charge the Holy Spirit has been poured out in a greater or less degree. About six hundred have been converted to God; about four hundred and fifty accessions to the Church. There is manifestly a growth in grace, and an improvement in religious character.

The work, as well as the doctrine of entire sanctification in the Wesleyan sense is reviving among us. Numbers have professed to experience it, and others seem to be pressing on toward that mark of the prize. The preachers generally are becoming more earnest in urging their hearers to go on to perfection; and I hope we shall be able to say, *consistently*, in regard to this holy doctrine and experience, Follow us, as we follow Christ.

The past year has been personally one of great toil—the winter unusually severe. I have been greatly exposed, yet God has mercifully preserved my life and my health. I have tried to discharge the duties of

the District faithfully. The brethren in the Ministry have treated me with uniform kindness—have given me their sympathy, and rendered efficient aid in holding Quarterly Meetings for me—for which they will please accept my sincere thanks. I have a comfortable hope that when all our toils are past, we shall meet in heaven.

J. WESLEY WEBB.

March 5, 1873.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling District remains, in point of territory, substantially as reported at the last Conference, except the transfer of Mannington and Pine Grove circuits to the Clarksburg District, by which it lost, including probationers, 884 members. To this fact special attention is called, so that if the summing up of this year should chance to fall below that of last year, the reason for it may be fully understood.

There are sixteen appointments in the District, all of which are regularly supplied by the Conference. The preachers, severally, have prosecuted the work assigned them with a commendable zeal, but not with that success, except in a few cases, that was desired. And yet their labor has by no means been "in vain in the Lord." In addition to much precious seed that has been faithfully scattered, and that doubtless will yield a precious harvest hereafter, in almost every charge souls have been converted and added to the Church; and in some charges the good work has been of a most encouraging nature. I think I may safely add, that the District is in quite a healthy and growing condition.

In church building, the commendable work still goes on, though not to the same extent as last year. One new brick, at a cost of some \$12,000, and two frame churches have, this year, been added to the list. And additionally, two or three others have been repaired at a considerable cost. In this respect the District is in a good condition; much better than in parsonages.

In finance, there has been no material change. The Disciplinary plan in reference to the missionary collection, and others, has been carried out. The contributions for benevolent purposes will, I trust, equal if not exceed those of last year. And yet, owing largely to the stringency in monetary affairs, I fear they will not equal the desires of the pastors, nor the increased demands of the Church.

An increased interest throughout the District is being manifested in the Sunday School cause. Our schools are being more thoroughly organized, largely attended and better supplied with reading matter. It is found that the Sunday School children are, usually, among our earliest converts, and promise most to the Church. In this respect the Church, in the bounds of the Wheeling District, is doing a noble work. God bless the Sunday School cause!

Another encouraging feature may be found in the increased circulation of our Church papers. A more liberal support to the ministry, and enlarged contributions to all our benevolent enterprises, very much depend on a more enlarged view of our Church policy, on the part of our mem-

bers generally. Our papers are all good, and cannot fail to accomplish much good in every family when taken and read.

The past year, as those that preceded it, has been one of anxiety and toil; yet God has sustained me. Personally, it has been a year of lights and shades. It has come and gone laden with the deepest family afflictions on the one hand; but on the other with the most signal triumphs of our holy religion.

I am now closing my fourth year on the District, and thirty-sixth in the ministry. Impartially, I have tried to do my whole duty. The uniform Christian kindness and courtesy of my brethren, both in the ministry and laity, has laid me under lasting obligations. In that "sweet by-and-by," I trust and most earnestly pray I may meet them every one on that "ever green shore." I now yield up this important charge, with the earnest prayer that my successor, by the blessing of God, may accomplish much more than I have been able to do.

G. MARTIN.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg District, as arranged at the last session of our Conference, is composed of fourteen charges—twelve circuits and two stations—and lies within the counties of Harrison, Doddridge, Taylor, Marion, Monongalia and Wetzel. It is convenient to travel, being traversed by both stems of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

All the preachers entered in good time upon the work assigned them, and labored with commendable zeal and with a good degree of success. Some of them have suffered affliction. Bro. Benedum, of the Pine Grove, and Bro. Matheney, of the Jollytown circuit, were compelled to desist from labor. Their places were supplied.

Attention has been given to the various interests of the Church.

Three neat chapels, free from debt, have been dedicated during the year, and several others are approaching completion.

The Sabbath School work has not been neglected. The preachers have labored to secure the attendance of the children, and enlist the members of the Church in the work of teaching; but on some of the charges it is difficult to get the people awake to the importance of this work.

Some books have been sold, and subscribers obtained for periodicals; but we regret that our Church literature does not circulate more extensively. Some plead inability to take a Church periodical, while several secular papers may be found on their tables.

The financial condition of the District is not as good as we could desire. The allowances of the preachers, though too small, have not in some instances been fully met. Great inconvenience is suffered in consequence.

The collections for benevolent purposes, though far less than they should be, will probably equal those of former years. The continued depression in the price of stock, causing unusual scarcity of money, will account in part for the meagre contributions for the support of the gospel at home, and for the connectional enterprises of the Church; but it is evident that many do not give "as God hath prospered them."

The epidemic that has so afflicted the country prevented many from attending the services of the sanctuary, and no doubt lessened contributions, and also greatly hindered the success of the revival efforts of the season. But still we have enjoyed a good degree of spiritual prosperity. Our camp meetings were seasons of religious interest.

All the charges have shared in revival influence. Believers have been struggling up into the higher Christian life—giving themselves to Christ and his cause in a more complete consecration. Many souls have been converted and added to the Church. Though there has been a healthy increase of membership the next Minutes may not show it, as the form of the District was changed and greater care observed in making returns.

I took charge of the District a year ago with no small degree of diffidence and embarrassment, from a consideration of the importance of the work, and the difficulty of following in the footsteps of my "illustrious predecessors." I am grateful for the cordial reception and kind treatment I have received from the preachers and people, with whom my associations have been pleasant.

I have endeavored to discharge all the duties of the office—have attended fifty-three of the fifty-six Quarterly Meetings. Substitutes were provided for the others.

A. HALL.

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

The Buckhannon District was formed at the last session of our Conference. It embraces, geographically, the counties of Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer, Braxton, Webster, Randolph and Barbour, and is about sixty miles square. It may be called a hill country, though there are some very fine valleys. The soil is somewhat varied; but as a general thing it is best adapted to grass, and in my opinion offers to-day stronger inducements to emigration than any other portion of our great country.

One of the objections to this country is that of the public improvements, and especially the roads. In no part of the State are they worse. There are places over which I have traveled during the past year that two horsemen could not pass; and it would be equally impossible to turn back. On the one hand there is the yawning chasm, at the sight of which your head becomes dizzy, and on the other a solid wall of rocks hundreds of feet high.

This is owing in part to the fact that during the war they were very much destroyed by the passage of troops and the transportation of army supplies, and the unnecessary burning of bridges by reckless and incompetent Generals.

And then it has appeared to me that the legislation of West Virginia has been to us, what the legislation of Virginia was to Northwest Virginia—unequal.

This District is composed of twelve appointments, eight of which formerly belonged to the Clarksburg District, two to the Parkersburg, one to the Charleston, and a mission formed at our last Conference.

This territory was at an early time pre-empted by the pioneer ministers of the M. E. Church. The fierce and startling war-whoop of the savage,

and the mild invitations of the Gospel, were often almost commingled; and not unfrequently was it necessary for the minister of Christ to be guarded from one settlement to another by the hardy frontiersmen, to protect him from the assaults of the stealthy Indian. Often did the irreligious part of the settlement stand guard while the religious held their prayer and class meetings.

One among the first classes formed within the bounds of this District was composed of four persons: Abram Carper, sr., and wife and John Reger, sr., and wife, living eight miles apart, separated by a dense forest through which roamed, almost undisturbed, the bear, the wolf, the panther, and droves of elk and buffalo.

This distance was traveled, usually every Sabbath, by one or the other of these families, on foot, guided by the "blazes" made by the hunter's tomahawk. The temple on these occasions was a rude cabin.

The first addition made to this society was the wife of a bigoted Lutheran, who was greatly opposed to her becoming a Methodist; but soon, in answer to fervent prayer, he was converted.

About midnight while lying on his bed praying, the power of the Lord came down; and although he had opposed shouting, and had said all manner of hard things about the Methodists, he sprang up, shouting and leaping, and praising God! But not satisfied with this, he ran out into the yard, and mounting a stump as his rostrum, he shouted at the top of his voice that he was a Methodist, soul and body. These all, after passing through eventful lives and attaining ripe old age, died in the faith, giving glory to God.

Much valuable labor has been expended within the bounds of this District, and many and great have been the privations of the men who have labored in this part of the work. The precious seed has been sown on this soil by such men as Gruber, West, Fleming, Hanson, Monroe, Swazey, Hopkins, Sansom, Elliott, Battelle and a host of others; and the harvest has been abundant.

There was not a field of labor within the bounds of this District regularly occupied by our ministers during the war; and while we were thus scattered, others less offensive than our preachers took possession of the territory, and in some instances, of our churches, and to the utmost of their ability sought to establish themselves, and I am sorry to say sometimes by very improper influences. These several influences, with others that might be named, have greatly weakened us in many places. Some territory where we once had flourishing societies has been abandoned, and is now in the hands of others.

The past year has been one of some prosperity, though not to the extent that we have desired. There have been revivals of religion on a number of the circuits, and they will all report, I presume, an increase over last year; the number I cannot give.

We have materially improved several of our churches. Two new ones have been built and dedicated during the past year, both neat, substantial houses, reflecting great credit on the friends who have liberally contributed to their erection. Others have been projected, and will be built during the coming season.

Our finances, I think, have been somewhat improved. Larger salaries have been in most cases allowed, but not yet as large as they should be; and I think that the deficiencies may be less than heretofore.

I have faithfully looked after our public collections, but owing to the failure of two of our ministers just at the time when the effort should have been made, and other causes combining, I am fearful that they will fall below last year.

The preachers of this District, except one, came to their work in good time; but in the midst of the year and of usefulness, two of them, J. N. Eckess and J. B. Beatty were compelled to retire from the effective work, and I was under the necessity of supplying their places.

The year has been one of toil and anxiety. I have attended all my appointments during the year, except two. In one case I was sick and could not go; in the other, my horse had the terrible disease then passing through the country.

My traveling has been principally done on horseback, in many instances over very rough roads and steep and rugged paths. I have felt great anxiety that the work should be sustained, and have to the best of my ability looked after the interests of the Church.

My brethren in the ministry and laity have greatly encouraged me in the discharge of my duties.

My health is better than it has been for a number of years. Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the District during the year. Praise God for His goodness! praise him, oh my soul!

J. W. REGER.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

This District, as it now stands, takes in the counties of Wood, Wirt, Jackson, Ritchie, Pleasants, Tyler, and a part of Doddridge. It is made of fifteen appointments—four stations and eleven circuits.

The country traversed is diversified, the greater part being hilly—a small portion level or undulating. It is well watered and timbered, and generally productive. In some places oil and coal have been found—the first in considerable quantities.

Parkersburg, the principal town, is "beautiful for situation," and is a place of considerable importance. At this place the graceful "Little Kanawha" mingles its waters with the broad and beautiful Ohio, and one of the finest bridges in the world crosses the latter stream, connecting the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad with the Marietta & Cincinnati.

Here, our Church is well represented. We have a fine Church building, and a large and influential membership, which is doing comparatively well, but needs more moral and aggressive power to reach the masses.

The Evangelical Churches represented in our bounds are the M. E. Church South, the Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, United Brethren and Methodist. The first two, I think, are next to our own Church in numbers and strength. With these various Christian bodies we are living in peace, and are at peace among ourselves.

We have also enjoyed a considerable degree of prosperity. Most of the charges have experienced the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit in a greater or less degree, and several of them are in quite a healthy condition, particularly Volcano station, and Parkersburg, Ravenswood,

Elizabeth, Harrisville, West Union and Ellenboro circuits. But particular mention should be made of the first three.

During the year five hundred persons or more have professed conversion, and an equal number has been added to the Church on probation. Among the members there is an interest manifested in the work of holiness.

We are doing well in church building, and in the purchase and improvement of parsonage property. One new church has been built, and three others commenced in Parkersburg circuit. Another has been finished and dedicated in Murrayville circuit. In Centerville, subscriptions have been taken to build at a prominent appointment the coming summer.

Parsonages have been purchased by the Ellenboro, Volcano and Sistersville charges; and the Middlebourne parsonage has been greatly improved. In Elizabeth and West Union they contemplate buying or building as soon as practicable.

Financially, we are in advance of last year, I think, but far below the proper standard yet. The preachers ought to be better paid, and our benevolent contributions still increased, particularly, as the Minutes will show, in some places.

The Sunday School interest has received a great deal of attention in some charges, and many of the scholars have been led to Jesus. But in some places much yet remains to be done in this department of our work.

The circulation of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* has been largely increased in some of the charges, and other periodicals of our Church have received their share of attention. This always helps our work.

Several young men from within our bounds are attending the W. Va. University, of which our beloved brother, Dr. A. Martin, is the worthy and efficient President. They are reported as doing well, and we hope that many others will be induced to follow their example, as sanctified learning is a great power for good, and the young are the hope of the Church and of the country.

The preachers in the District are good and true men, and devoted to their work. One of them, our dear brother Blundon, has done his work and is waiting for the Master to call him home.*

My own work has been very imperfectly performed; but the brethren have helped me to "bear the burden and heat of the day," and "God is not unrighteous to forget their labor of love."

When the toils of life are past, may we enjoy together the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

BENJ. ISON.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

At the last session of our Conference Webster and Braxton circuits were transferred from this District, and Calhoun added thereto. The District now embraces one station and twelve circuits. These include, in whole, or in part, the counties of Kanawha, Putnam, Mason, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Clay, Nicholas, Fayette and Summers, and lie on the following rivers, viz: Ohio, Big and Little Kanawha, Poca, Elk, Gauley,

*Since gone to his reward. Died on the second day of Conference.

New and Meadow. Most of the territory is quite mountainous, and many of the mountains are crossed only by mere paths. In addition to the rivers mentioned there are quite a number of respectable streams that add greatly to the inconvenience of travel at certain seasons of the year, as they generally have to be crossed by fording. The territory, except upon the large water courses, is sparsely settled. The inhabitants are principally engaged in agricultural pursuits. There are, however, quite a number of mining and manufacturing corporations in successful operation in the bounds of the District.

It may not be out of place to submit a brief statement respecting each charge.

The *Charleston Station* has advanced materially in nearly every respect. They have been favored during the year with a gracious revival, which has left the charge in better spiritual condition than for many years. The old church has been sold, and a new and more commodious one is in process of construction. The Lecture Room was dedicated on Sunday, March 2d. It was found that \$2,000 was needed to clear the Church of debt as far as the work had progressed. Within half an hour's time over \$2,500 was contributed without any special effort. Dr. Martin, President of the West Virginia University, preached three times during the day with great ability and efficiency. The religious interest was general and deep. Eight persons of great promise joined the Church in the evening; and everything seems ready for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Methodism is clearly entering upon a new era in Charleston. This will be one of the finest churches in the Conference.

Charleston Circuit.—The preacher appointed to this circuit left the work about the middle of September. I immediately secured a local preacher to supply the vacancy, and his labors have been attended with a degree of prosperity.

Elk River Circuit has sixteen appointments, and is destitute of church buildings, the meetings being held chiefly in school houses. There has been no revival on this circuit during the year.

Mill Creek Circuit.—This is a large circuit, with ten appointments, and no church edifice. Some real good has been accomplished, and the interests of the Church, generally, advanced.

Raymond City Circuit was left to be supplied and immediately put under the charge of a local preacher, who has done efficient service, advancing all the interests of the Church. We have here two churches in course of erection which will, probably, be completed in the ensuing year. A revival to some extent prevailed at several of the appointments.

Mountain Cove Circuit reports but one indifferent church building, though measures have been inaugurated that will result soon in the erection of another and more comfortable edifice. There has been some revival interest on this charge during the year.

Nicholas Circuit.—The preacher appointed to this circuit notified me, on the adjournment of Conference, that it would be impossible for him to go there. After some unavoidable delay I succeeded in obtaining a preacher to take charge of the work. They have been favored on this charge with a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, which has placed the Church in a good religious condition. There are four churches on this circuit, two of them good frame houses. There is also another neat frame

building nearly completed, which will supply the place of one of the old ones. A long felt need on this, as well as on other charges, has been a parsonage. This want will be supplied during the coming summer by the erection of a comfortable house.

Calhoun Circuit is one of the largest in the District. The Minutes of last year, in the report from this circuit, show *five* churches valued at \$2,000; but after building entire one new church this year, but *three*, valued at ——— will be reported. This charge is in a healthy condition.

Spencer Circuit has sixteen appointments and three churches. One of the old churches will be replaced by a new one during the coming year. The debt which has so long been hanging over the church in Spencer has been removed. They have enjoyed a refreshing season of revival during the year, and the charge is in a fine spiritual condition.

Point Pleasant and Buffalo.—This circuit is in good condition, and has been blessed with some revival influence. Steps have been taken for the erection of a new church during the incoming year.

Clifton Circuit has been favored during the year with some times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. There has been completed an elegant brick church in the town of Clifton, which is an honor to Methodism in the place. This charge is in a good growing condition, and is one of our best.

Hartford City Circuit, the best circuit, perhaps, in the District, has had a year of prosperity. Every department of Church work has been advanced. There has been some revival on the circuit.

Bell Creek Circuit was supplied by a local preacher soon after Conference. But little has been accomplished on this circuit in the way of permanent improvements during the year. They have but one church on the charge, and it of inferior quality.

Quite an interest is taken in Sunday Schools on some of the charges. Several schools are well conducted, and are doing great good. In others, but little interest is taken, the schools being closed early in the fall. There is great need of improvement in this department. The Missionary Plan, so far as practicable, has been carried into effect.

The spiritual condition of the District is good. Many of the charges have enjoyed gracious revivals. Not less than six hundred have professed conversions, and about the same number been added to the Church.

Notwithstanding the great scarcity of money, the preachers generally have been better paid than they were last year. Some appointments have made a gratifying advance; the total paid the preachers of the District this year being about \$1,000 more than last year. Benevolent collections show a decided advance in every department.

The preachers are blameless in character, and have labored as men of God for the advancement of His glory; nor has their labor been "in vain in the Lord." Our relations have been of the most pleasant character, and I feel thankful to the brethren for their earnest and hearty co-operation with me in the arduous labors of the District. Though the work has been laborious and toilsome, I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to perform it faithfully.

It requires from 800 to 1,000 miles' travel, mostly on horseback, to make one round. It demands no little self denial to perform the long and lonely journeys—crossing lofty mountains by mere bridle-paths, and

through deep gorges by devious and tortuous routes, and crossing deep and dangerous streams by fording. But the "Lord of hosts" has been with us; the "God of Jacob" has been our refuge.

J. M. POWELL.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte District, in territory, remains the same as last year, but by consolidation is one charge less in number than it then was, making twelve in all. We were under the necessity of supplying two appointments, viz: Wyoming and McDowell, and Mercer—the former by Joseph C. Sidebottom, and the latter by A. Workman.

The brethren were promptly at their work, except Bro. A. T. Morriston, who was late in arriving on his work, and in the earlier part of the year much hindered by personal affliction; but, through the blessing of God he was restored to health, and did an excellent work.

The brethren were not only early in their fields, but labored faithfully, and generally with good results. The immense labor of some of these reminds one of primitive itinerating in this country. In more than one field traveling from two hundred and fifty to three hundred miles in four weeks, and filling from twenty to thirty-three appointments; yet not one of these self-sacrificing men has threatened to locate if their claims are not considered, or that they would transfer if they did not get easy stations.

We have dedicated one very neat church, and on Barboursville circuit one completed worth \$1,000. We have also two churches in course of erection. Also in Raleigh county we have a lot containing two acres, well located for camp meeting purposes, and a deed for it for all time to come. We regret that more has not been done in church building. We have tried to call our people's attention to this matter this year, and feel that our efforts will be blessed with some fruit.

The parsonage at Raleigh C. H. has been finished so nearly to completion that the pastor now occupies it. The parsonage at Hamlin has been so far completed that the pastor occupied it part of the year. This house, when finished, will be a large and commodious building, with four acres of ground in the village of Hamlin, Lincoln county, W. Va.

Our members have increased over last year's report about thirty per cent. Our probationers are at least fifty per cent over those of last year. We feel that Methodism is being deeply planted in this new and rapidly growing part of the State.

In finances we have not succeeded as well as we could desire; yet the District paid more on the salaries of the preachers than last year. This is very encouraging, considering the closeness of money matters. We have greatly improved this year in the benevolent collections; the missionary collections are fifty per cent more than last year; the Conference collection is over fifty per cent. In the Church Extension collection there is some falling off. Altogether, there is considerable advance in the benevolent collections. In the spiritual condition of the District there is somewhat of an improvement.

We are trying to have our people take advanced ground in the higher life, and some have already felt the freedom of divine truth. I would that the whole Church would seek for a higher religious life.

Our Sunday Schools are greatly improved. Our greatest difficulty grows out of a want of church houses. We have to use the public school houses in many places. Other branches of the Church use these houses frequently, which so interferes with our exercises as to occasion irregularity; yet we are not discouraged.

We have attended all our appointments but five; three were filled by proxy, and two I was compelled to miss by providential interferences. In order to reach some, required great effort and much exposure, but I have been wonderfully blessed and strengthened for the work. Peace has prevailed within our borders. I close this year's labor with thanks to the brethren and the Church for their kindness and forbearance with me, and to a merciful God for His wonderful goodness to me. *I love God!*
I LOVE THE METHODIST CHURCH! I LOVE THE CHURCH OF GOD!

D. H. K. DIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of the Board of Stewards.

The Board of Stewards report as the amount necessary for the support of the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers who have died in the work, for the incoming year, two thousand dollars, which amount has been proportioned among the several Districts as follows:

Morgantown District,	.....	\$400 00
Wheeling	"	500 00
Clarksburg	"	250 00
Buckhannon	"	150 00
Parkersburg	"	350 00
Guyandotte	"	150 00
Charleston	"	200 00
		\$2,000 00

The Stewards feel that they would be remiss in duty did they not call the attention of the Conference to the following facts that appear in the reports submitted to them:

1st. The small amounts raised for necessitous cases—\$726 to meet a claim of ———. In twenty-one charges less than \$2 00 each, and in thirty-two charges nothing was collected.

2d. The great difference there is in many charges between the receipts of the Presiding Elder and the preachers. The Elders claim being paid in full, or nearly so, while the preachers are greatly deficient.

They wish to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder on his first round see that the amount apportioned to his District be apportioned to the several charges, and urge upon them the justness of this claim.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Stewards of the several charges, in all cases to carry out the Disciplinary plan, in the disbursement of all funds collected or set apart for the support of the Gospel.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. BALL, *Chairman*.

E. J. STONE, *Secretary*.

ASSESSMENT OF EPISCOPAL FUND.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown	\$10 00
Morgantown Circuit.....	6 00
Brandonville	5 00
Grafton	10 00
Oakland.....	8 00
Smithtown.....	5 00
Evansville	1 25
Palatine	1 60
Newburg.....	2 00
	\$48 85

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Fourth Street.....	\$25 00
Zane "	15 00
Chapline "	10 00
Island.....	10 00
North Street.....	6 25
Wesley Chapel.....	3 00
Greene Circuit.....	5 00
Short Creek and Liberty.....	2 00
	\$76 25

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg.....	\$ 1 00
Jollytown.....	8 00
Marion	10 00
Salem	1 85
Bridgeport.....	2 75
	\$23 60

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkersburg.....	\$10 00
Ellenboro.....	8 00
Elizabeth.....	2 00
Harrisville.....	10 00
Williamstown.....	2 00
West Union.....	5 00
Middlebourne.....	3 10
Volcano	10 00
Ravenswood	5 00
	\$55 10

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Elk River.....	\$3 00
Clifton.....	5 00
Hartford.....	5 00
Nicholas.....	5 00
Point Pleasant.....	75
Coal River.....	50
Charleston Circuit.....	2 50
Mountain Cove.....	2 00
	\$23 75

GUYANDOTTE.

Guyandotte and Huntington.....	\$2 00
Wayne.....	1 71
Mill Creek.....	2 00
	\$5 71

Total\$228 26

On Church Extension.

The Church Extension Society of the West Virginia Conference present the following as their annual report :

For the year ending December, 1872, the parent Society appropriated to our Conference the sum of \$1,000 (instead of \$1,500, as was understood by us), on condition that the Conference raise \$500. To meet the condition, the sum of \$1,000, instead of the \$500 to be raised, was distributed among the Districts as follows, viz : to Morgantown Dist., \$200 ; to Wheeling District, \$250 ; to Clarksburg District, \$200 ; to Parkersburg District, \$200 ; to Charleston District, \$100 ; to Guyandotte District, \$50. Of the amounts distributed for collection, the following sums were reported at our last Conference by Districts : Morgantown Dist. paid \$12 25 ; Wheeling Dist., \$335 45 ; Clarksburg Dist., \$19 15 ; Parkersburg Dist., \$11 60 ; Charleston Dist., \$27 50 ; Guyandotte Dist., \$22 00 ; total, \$428 15. Showing that the Conference failed in the sum of \$71 85 to meet the condition which would have entitled it to the \$1,000 from the parent Society. This fact will explain why so little has been done for the Conference by the parent Society the last year.

The Conference Board, laboring under the impression that \$1,500 had been set down to the credit of the Conference, and not doubting that the condition would be met, after considering numerous applications for aid, recommended the following appropriations by donation, viz : to Kirkpatrick, \$75 ; to Clifton, \$200 ; to Charleston, \$250 ; to Wesley Chapel, \$200 ; to Salem, \$100 ; to Grafton, \$400 ; total, \$1,225. Additionally, the Board recommended a loan to Charleston of \$5,000, and to Grafton \$1,000, providing they could be negotiated outside and independent of the appropriation set down to the credit of the Conference.

To the recommendations made for aid by donation, the parent Society responded, by loan to Clifton, \$200; to Grafton, \$500; total, \$700—at 7, or 7½ per cent interest, a higher rate of interest, by 1, or 1½ per cent, than loans could have been had at home.

The collection for the Church Extension Society, reported at this Conference, will be set down to the credit of the Conference for the year commencing January, 1873, since which time the Conference Board has had no meeting. That the Conference may be entitled to the full sum of \$1,500 this year, the condition on our part must be met, by raising and paying into the treasury of the parent Society, by the first of December next, the sum of \$500. In order to relieve worthy and truly needy Churches, this amount is greatly needed. It is earnestly desired, therefore, that the members of the Conference consider the subject more seriously, and at once take such action in the premises as are necessary to secure the amount asked for. Two cents per member will enable us to secure the desired object; and it is but reasonable that it should be met

Respectfully Submitted,

G. MARTIN, *President.*

CHURCH EXTENSION APPORTIONMENT.

The Board of Church Extension have assigned to the Conference \$500, to be collected on the various charges in the Conference. We, the Committee, apportion this sum to the several Districts, as follows:

Morgantown District	\$125 00
Wheeling "	150 00
Clarksburg "	75 00
Buckhannon "	50 00
Parkersburg "	75 00
Charleston "	50 00
Guyandotte "	30 00

Respectfully Submitted,

G. MARTIN, *Pres.*

Report of Committee on Education.

Our Methodism has from the first taken a just and liberal interest in the great cause of Education. To this, next to the immediate and distinctive work of grace in the soul, has the Church in every age been indebted. In the bounds of our work it claims and deserves the especial interest of ministers, members and friends. Our almost entire destitution of educational facilities until within a few years past is but too well known. A good beginning has been made, but it is folly to disguise the fact that most earnest, personal and wide-awake attention is required at present, to secure the past and assure the future. As ministers of Christ, the Discipline wisely enjoins upon us in all proper ways to promote the varied interests of education, and especially to present its claims to the attention of our people by preaching on the subject, and by taking up collections for any more immediate interest which we may have in the subject.

At present this is limited to the single object of taking up collections in our several Churches to aid in the education of our young men of piety and talent, who are believed by the Church to be called to the work of the ministry, and whose circumstances require some aid in order to their more speedy equipment for the work, so far as human instrumentalities avail; and also to aid our brethren, with scanty means and large families, to educate their children. This form of beneficence, though comparatively new with us, was one of the earliest to which the Wesleys gave their attention, and which is still felt among their descendants in England, to be among the very foremost of the many interests which command and receive their regard. It is one of the most direct, efficient and deserving modes in which the strong may aid the weak.

The present year is the first of our effort in this direction. The aggregate of our collections (\$62) shows what could be done by hearty and mutual effort. The appropriation from the Educational Fund has been distributed by the committee appointed last session, and as ordered by Conference. We recommend: 1st. That with the above, the same fund, and for the same purpose, from the Educational Fund, be ordered and appropriated by the same committee as last year. 2d. That we will preach on Education, and take up collections prescribed in the Discipline, for the object detailed in the preceding part of the report.

Detailed Statement of Collections, &c., for Education.—Fourth Street, Wheeling, \$28; Nicholas, \$1 00; Clifton Ct., \$1 00; Smithton, \$1 00; Grafton, \$1 50; Oakland, \$2 00; Dallas, \$1 00; Newburg, \$1 00; Fairmont, \$2 00; Brandonville, \$1 00; Lumberport, \$2 25; at Conference, by a friend, \$20 25; and do., \$2 00. In all, \$62 00.

The report of Bro. N. Goff, Treasurer of our Educational Fund, shows a balance in his hands of that fund amounting to \$2,167. This includes a note, with interest, from Bro. R. A. Arthur, of \$190 80. The judgment of the brethren seems to be that the above note can and should be collected. We recommend that Bro. Goff be instructed to secure its collection.

In regard to several papers referred to the Committee, relating to Allegheny College, it gives us pleasure to learn of the continued prosperity of that institution. As to changes in the charter, proposed by the Erie Conference, the matter not having reached our hands until the last hours of the session, we have not been able to give it such consideration as the importance of the subject seems to demand. We therefore recommend no action at present.

We propose, for Board of Control, W. R. White, A. J. Lyda, J. J. Brown, C. D. Hubbard. We further recommend that the same brethren act on our behalf as Visiting Committee.

ALEX. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Report on Periodicals.

The Committee on Periodicals submit the following report:

Our authorized periodicals are not inferior to any in the land. They are an acknowledged power in the Church, elevating the minds of the people.

The Exhibits of the Book Concerns of Cincinnati, and also of New York, we have carefully examined, and so far as we are able to judge, think them to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The exhibit, also, of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* for the year ending October 19, 1872, shows it to be in a very prosperous state, having a circulation of 14,600.

The paper referred by your Conference on last Saturday to this Committee, they find to be without any signature, and therefore decline to act thereon.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

1st. That we will make a vigorous effort to place a copy of one of our periodicals in every Methodist family within our bounds, and more especially the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, it being our Conference paper and

2d. That the names, prices and places of publishing our Church periodicals be inserted in the Minutes of our Conference.

G. W. RICHMOND, *Chairman*.

On Bible Cause.

We learn with regret that the interests of the Bible Cause have not claimed the consideration due to their importance during the current year, either in our own work or in the country at large. The distribution of God's Word is one of the most powerful allies to the truth and the great work of human redemption, and our efforts to increase the circulation of the sacred Scriptures should suffer no abatement. Heresy and skepticism will find their sure antidotes in the Divine precepts and precious promises of the oracles of inspiration.

As Christian men, we recognize the importance of a wider circulation and a more devout reading of the Word of Life. We pledge, therefore, our earnest co-operation with that noble enterprise, the American Bible Society. Believing that an annual appeal should be made to our pastors, we renew the promise that we will give special attention to the collection of funds for the support of an institution, that for its liberal regard to our applications for aid in the supply of books for the destitute portions of our Conference, demands our gratitude.

We deem it proper, also, to tender our sympathy and aid to the Agent of the Society for the State of West Virginia, W. R. White, and pray that his labors may be crowned with great success.

V. SANFORD, *Chairman*.

On Tract Cause.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report the whole amount contributed by the Conference for the year just ending to be \$94 78, an advance over last year's collection of \$28 12.

The Committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions :

1. That in the Tract Society of our Church, we recognize an important means of imparting moral and religious instruction.
2. That the preachers in charge are earnestly requested to use their influence with the Tract Committees, and otherwise, to increase the circulation of our Tract literature, and, also, to advance the contributions for the Tract Society.

JAMES M. WARDEN, *Chairman.*

On Freedman's Aid Society.

The Freedman's Aid Society, co-operating with the Missionary and Church Extension organizations, but directing its efforts specially to the education of teachers and ministers, is doing a noble work for the Master, among a people numbering more than four millions of souls.

The permanent future success of our growing work in the South depends greatly upon the liberality of our contributions to this Society.

Our people have, during the year, given to this worthy charity the sum of \$37 90 from eighteen circuits and stations, leaving about ninety appointments from which no contributions are reported.

We submit for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will present the claims of this Society to our people, and take a collection in its behalf.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. H. JORDAN, JOS. B. FEATHER, MICHAEL DOWLER.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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On Observance of the Sabbath.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following :

WHEREAS, The desecration of the Sabbath prevails to an alarming extent in our towns and villages, along our highways, railroads and rivers, and that such desecration is in direct violation of civil and religious law ; therefore,

Resolved, That we will exert our influence, and endeavor to create a public sentiment against Sabbath breaking in all of its forms.

Resolved, That we consider the opening of drug and other stores, for the sale of merchandise on the Sabbath Day, except for medicinal purposes, a practice wholly unjustifiable.

Resolved, That we consider it to be our duty to discountenance unnecessary Sunday traveling and visiting.

Resolved, That we will earnestly defend the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath against every aggression.

C. E. MANCHESTER, T. B. HUGHES, W. E. RIPPEY.	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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On Sunday Schools.

The Committee on Sunday Schools report as follows :

The amount raised during the year for the Sunday School cause is \$115 58, showing a small advance over last year.

The communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union has been before us. We heartily recommend the International Bureau Lessons, and the Sunday School periodicals, and will hail the *Sunday School Classmate* with delight.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. SNODGRASS, *Chairman*.

T. M. HARTLEY, *Secretary*.

Report of Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the necessity for greater and more systematic effort on the part of Christian ladies, in co-operation with the ministry, in religious visitation among the unconverted, the sick and the poor ; in the circulation of religious literature, and in bringing children into the Sunday Schools. Therefore,

Resolved, 2d. That whenever practicable each Society organize a Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, auxiliary to the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union of the M. E. Church, with the Pastor as (*ex officio*) President.

WM. M. MULLENIX,	} <i>Committee.</i>
F. BALL,	
E. W. RYAN,	

Corresponding Secretary, MRS. ANNIE WITTENMYER, No. 1,018 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

Annual Report of the Book Committee.

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church :

REV. FATHERS AND BRETHERN :—At another annual meeting, just concluded, we have it to report that a pleasant Christian harmony prevailed, which rendered it easy to transact all necessary business, while at the same time the free discussion of differences served only to strengthen the unity of aim and purpose.

The presence of the lay element in our counsels, as a component part of our body, served to vindicate the legislation of the Church so recently exercised in respect to the great organic change which brings preachers and people into a closer co-operation.

The financial status of the New York Book Concern June 29, 1872, and of the Western Book Concern November 30, 1872, with statements of sales and periodical business of both for the year ending at the date last named, are so fully set forth in the accompanying exhibits as to render any extended remarks here unnecessary.

As compared with the average of a few recent years, there is no change worthy of notice as to the volume of business either in sales of books or the patronage of periodicals, though it is in place to say that for the past two months of the new year especially, our principal weeklies and Sunday School papers have been handsomely growing in circulation, and their condition is considerably better than an average at this period of the year.

The Committee are of opinion that the large transactions of both Concerns are being judiciously managed by the Agents in charge, and an increased assurance in this regard arises from the reports of the local sub-committees at New York and Cincinnati, who, being prominent business laymen, have given an unusual amount of time to an investigation of the modes of business, and the manner of keeping accounts, and also to the inspection of receipts and disbursements.

Without descending to particulars, the Committee can say that there has probably never been a time when there was less to complain of or more to commend in the editorial management of our numerous periodicals, under their respective editors, than at the present time.

After an animated and a very interesting discussion, the Committee, without a dissenting voice, requested the Agents at New York to issue on the 1st of October next a first-class weekly Sunday School paper, to take the place of the *Sunday School Journal*, or rather to be a continuation of the *Journal* in an enlarged form, and to include reading matter better adapted to the more advanced Sunday School scholars and teachers. Of the nearly one and a half million, in the Sunday Schools of our Church it is believed there are not less than six hundred thousand, about one-third of that number, teachers, to whom the proposed paper is especially adapted, and for whom up to this time only very inadequate provision has been made. After having provided a general weekly paper for about every 125,000 of our members in the United States, the immensely larger number to whom the proposed paper is adapted, will, if the Committee do not much miscalculate, give the new *Sunday School Journal* in a single year a circulation of 100,000. If so, it can be afforded at one-half the price of our general weeklies.

The Committee discussed anxiously the various suggestions of members as to methods for a more vigorous and successful prosecution of the business of the Book Concern. It was generally admitted that to effect extensive sales we have not an equal chance with a large class of popular publishers, because our publications are not such as are demanded by the vitiated public taste for a flashy and dangerous literature, such as is thrown broadcast by those houses whose sole object is money-making.

The German department of our Church stands fully acquitted. The Book Concern has one subscriber to the *Christian Apologist* for every two German Methodists, and almost one Sunday School paper subscription besides for every member. A magazine just started, a periodical of a heavier and more costly kind, has already reached a subscription equal to one in six of the whole number of our German members, which ratio would give a circulation of more than 200,000 copies of the *Ladies' Repository* among the English-speaking Methodists, and a combined circulation of 750,000 copies of the several *Advocates*.

The Committee express the earnest hope that the solicitude and energies of our preachers and people will be brought to bear earnestly and

unitedly upon the spread of truth and righteousness by the wider diffusion of Methodist literature through this and all lands.

The Committee in reviewing the operations of the Book Concerns are impressed with the fact that the system of credits has been practised to an extent injurious alike to our people and the welfare of our Book Concerns. We have consequently urged on our Agents the importance of restricting credit, and bringing our business as nearly as possible to a cash basis.

WILLIAM H. HUNTER, *Chairman.*
I. D. KING, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK, *February 14, 1873.*

To the West Va. Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

DEAR BRETHREN—We submit the following statement, showing the condition of the Book Concerns on the dates mentioned in the Exhibits respectively.

Fraternally Yours,

NELSON & PHILLIPS, New York,
HITCHCOCK & WALDEN, Cincinnati, } Agents.

February 14, 1873.

EXHIBIT OF THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,

New York, June 29, 1872.

ASSETS.

1. REAL ESTATE.—One undivided three-fourths of Property 805 Broadway, corn. 11th street,	\$600,000 00
Buildings and Lots, Mulberry & Mott streets...	125,000 00
“ “ “ Pittsburgh, Pa.....	35,000 00
“ “ “ San Francisco, Cal.....	30,000 00
Land in Hamilton, N. J.....	200 00
Total Real Estate.....	\$790,200 00
2. CASH.—Cash on hand.....	25,020 93
3. MERCHANDISE.—Books, bound and in sheets, Stationery, etc.....	\$167,905 43
Presses, Type, Plates, Paper, etc., in Printing Office.....	155,135 63
Materials and Tools in Bindery.....	20,166 81
Stock in Depositories: Boston.....	19,810 16
Buffalo.....	19,301 54
Pittsburgh.....	20,683 33
San Francisco*.....	
	403,002 90
4. NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.—Due on Accounts.....	\$331,065 20
Due on Notes.....	97,306 30
	428,371 50
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,646,595 33

*Prior to the adjournment of the General Conference San Francisco was not a depository, but a part of this Concern, with a resident agent. Hence no separate report of its stock on hand was made. Up to the date of this Exhibit we were not able to obtain an inventory of its stock, and therefore for this year it is embraced in the general Exhibit of the Concern, as in former years.

LIABILITIES.

1. BONDS.—Amount of Bonds Issued and Sold for the payment of Property 805 Broadway,	\$500,000 00
2. NOTES.—The Concern owes on Notes and Mortgages.....	176,119 00
	\$676,119 00
Capital as per Ledger.....	970,476 33
Deduct: Estimated Amount necessary to fill Contracts with Subscribers for Advance Pay- ments.....	\$69,208 29
25 per cent from Notes and Accounts for Probable Losses.....	107,092 87
	176,301 16
Net Capital, June 29, 1872.....	\$794,175 17

EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN,

Cincinnati, November 30, 1872.

ASSETS.

STOCK ON HAND.—Books, bound & in sheets, Stationery, etc., in Cincinnati.....	\$133,713 72
do Chicago.....	38,698 50
do St. Louis.....	18,470 94
do Atlanta.....	5,616 54
	\$196,499 70
Presses, Plates, Type, Printing Paper, etc., in Cincinnati.....	\$128,681 04
Type, Printing Paper, etc., in Chicago.....	3,455 40
“ “ “ St. Louis....	2,710 66
“ “ “ Atlanta.....	1,174 81
	136,021 91
Material and Tools in Bindery in Cincin'ti, “ “ Stereotype Foundry in Cincinnati.....	15,261 45
	1,587 55
REAL ESTATE.—In Cincinnati.....	\$204,575 86
In Chicago.....	10,000 00
In St. Louis.....	45,650 00
	260,225 86
NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.—In Cincinnati.....	\$199,843 59
In Chicago.....	113,907 30
In St. Louis.....	38,370 89
In Atlanta.....	8,139 58
	\$360,261 36
Deduct 25 per cent for probable losses.....	90,065 34
	270,196 02
Due from the Episcopal Fund.....	8,031 25
Office Furniture and Safes, in Cincinnati.....	\$2,500 00
“ Safe, and Store Fixtures, in Chicago.....	6,330 72
“ and Safe, in St. Louis.....	665 00
“ “ in Atlanta.....	226 30
	9,722 02
Cash and Drafts on hand.....	12,608 55
	\$910,154 31

LIABILITIES.

NOTES AND ACCOUNTS.—In Cincinnati.....	\$389,008 12
In Chicago.....	21,261 14
In St. Louis.....	31,470 11
In Atlanta.....	995 72
	442,735 09
Net Capital, November 30, 1872.....	\$467,419 22

METHODIST BOOK CONCERN, NEW YORK.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1872.

Books at New York Concern.....	\$322,914 98
" sold to Depositories.....	59,919 41
	\$332,834 39
Periodical Sales.....	177,696 87
	\$560,531 26
SALES BY DEPOSITORIES:—Boston.....	84,079 68
Buffalo.....	46,884 22
Pittsburgh.....	41,598 25
San Francisco.....	8,970 00
	181,532 15
	\$742,063 41

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, FEBRUARY 11, 1873.

Quarterly Review.....	3,750	Ladies' Repository.....	4,350
Christian Advocate.....	40,000	Golden Hours.....	825
Sunday School Journal....	70,700	Lesson Leaves.....	535,000
Sunday School Advocate...	117,800	Picture Lesson Paper....	59,850
Good News.....	51,000	Leaf Cluster.....	1,500

WESTERN METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.

SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOV. 30, 1872.

CINCINNATI.—Book Sales.....	\$239,232 81
Periodical Sales.....	207,880 40
	Total Sales at Cincinnati.....
	\$447,113 21
CHICAGO.—Book Sales.....	90,132 42
Periodical Sales.....	95,744 39
	Total Sales at Chicago.....
	175,876 81
ST. LOUIS.—Book Sales.....	48,260 63
Periodical Sales.....	33,509 37
	Total Sales at St. Louis.....
	81,860 00

ATLANTA.—Book Sales.....	\$4,508 82	
Periodical Sales.....	4,950 51	
Total Sales at Atlanta.....		\$9,459 33
Total Sales for 1872.....		714,309 35
Total Book Sales.....	373,134 98	
Total Periodical Sales.....	342,174 67	
		\$714,309 35

CIRCULATION OF PERIODICALS, NOV. 30, 1872.

Quarterly Review.....	1,279	Sandebudet (<i>Scandinavian</i>)	1,100
Ladies' Repository.....	22,500	Sund. School Adv. (<i>average</i>)	163,136
Golden Hours.....	7,800	Good News	29,433
West. Christian Advocate...	22,032	Sund. School Bell (<i>German</i>)	32,000
Northwest. Christ. Advocate	15,873	Sunday School Journal.....	20,337
Central Christian Advocate	10,967	Lesson Leaves.....	175,000
Methodist Advocate.....	3,100	Picture Lesson Papers.....	12,300
Christian Apologist.....	15,072	Bible Lessons (<i>German</i>).....	9,000

EPISCOPAL FUND.

From June 1 to November 30, 1872.

PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF BISHOPS :

By New York Book Concern.....	\$19,083 77	
By Western Book Concern.....	9,672 80	
		\$28,756 57

RECEIVED FOR THE EPISCOPAL FUND :

By New York Book Concern.....	602 13	
By Western Book Concern.....	1,641 55	
		2,243 68

Deficiency in the six months.....	\$26,512 80
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ON MEMOIRS.

REV. EDGAR B. BLUNDON.

Bro. Blundon was born in Morgan Co., Ohio, September 24, 1836. He was the son of religious parents. He united with the M. E. Church at the age of ten years, and was soon after converted to God. His father died, leaving him an orphan at the age of fourteen, at which time Edgar first felt it to be his duty to preach the Gospel. He enlisted in the U. S. army April 1, 1861, was promoted to be a Captain, and subsequently to the rank of Major, and served his country and his God, as a soldier and a Christian, till the close of the war. He was licensed to preach at Charleston, W. Va., early in 1865, and was employed as a supply on Putnam Circuit during part of that year. He was received on trial in our Conference in March, 1866, and was stationed at Malden. The three

following years he traveled the Middlebourne Circuit. The next three he was stationed at Burning Springs, from which place he was called from labor to reward. In these fields of labor Bro. Blundon was, in labors, abundant and wonderfully successful, reporting about five hundred conversions in his short ministry.

Bro. Blundon had been afflicted for some time past, and on the 6th of March, 1873, he passed into rest. His last words to the Conference were: "Edgar B. Blundon is saved by the omnipotence of grace. While I have been a very unprofitable servant, I have done all that I could to promote the interests of the Kingdom of Christ."

Bro. Blundon was a goodman, and a good preacher. We loved him much; but we hope to meet him in the better land.

M. TITCHENEL, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Edgar B. Blundon, has, during the session of our Conference, after a protracted illness, been called to his reward;

Resolved, 1st. That in his death the Conference has lost a worthy and highly esteemed member, and the Church an able and useful minister.

Resolved, 2d. That we rejoice in the victory he achieved over the last enemy; and to animate us in our work we will remember the message he sent to the Conference: "Edgar B. Blundon is saved by the omnipotence of grace."

Resolved, 3d. That we tender to his bereaved companion and "little ones" our tenderest sympathies, and commend them to the care of Him who "tempers the wind to the shorn lambs," and who "doeth all things well."

B. ISON,
J. W. W. BOLTON.

REV. GEORGE MONROE.

George Monroe was born in Highland county, West Va., April 17, 1803, and died at his home in Point Pleasant, W. Va., August 8, 1872, in the 70th year of his age.

Bro. Monroe united with the M. E. Church Feb. 17, 1817, and was converted the June following; was licensed to preach Aug. 30, 1833; was received on trial in the Pittsburgh Annual Conference in 1835, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Roberts, and in 1840 an Elder by Bishop Morris.

For many years Bro. Monroe labored with great zeal and success. On one of his charges he said to the writer: "I have preached seventy-three times in my new charge, and have taken seventy-three probationers into the Church." We do not know the name of the appointments successively filled by Bro. Monroe, but his circuits were large and very laborious, and his pay often less than \$200 a year; yet he never complained, but gave full evidence that his mission was to save souls and gain heaven.

He was trained by pious parents, and his sainted mother died in the class-room shouting the praises of God.

The labors of Bro. Monroe were too much for his constitution, and he located to regain his health. In 1865 he was re-admitted to the West

Va. Conference, but in about two years his health again failed, and he took a Superannuated relation, which he sustained until death.

In his dying moments he found the religion he preached to others was no cunningly devised fable, but gave him peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. He sleeps well; for he rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

M. TITCHENEL,
J. B. FEATHER.

MRS. MCCARTNEY.

Fannie Louisa McDonnah, wife of Rev. J. T. McCartney, was born Sept. 17, 1748. She was left an orphan in early infancy. She was raised to womanhood by a great aunt residing at West Liberty, Ohio county, W. Va. In early childhood she was greatly inclined to piety. In her fifteenth year she was very happily converted, and united with the M. E. Church.

From that hour until called away by her Master she was a model Christian, faithful in all that pertains to Christian character and life. Sister McCartney was liberally educated at West Liberty Academy, and possessed a well disciplined mind. She chose teaching as her profession, and was very successful in her calling. She was married to her now be-reaved husband April 20, 1871. After her marriage her interest in the salvation of souls was very great, and she became a very successful Christian worker in her Master's vineyard. She died of hasty consumption, at Buckhannon, West Va., April 3, 1872. But death found her ready—"having on the wedding garment." Her victory was complete through the blood of the Lamb. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

E. C. WAYMAN,
JOS. B. FEATHER.

MRS. ALLEN.

Elizabeth M. Minix, wife of Rev. M. Allen, was born at Moundsville, W. Va., April 14, 1832, and died at West Milford, W. Va., Feb. 16, 1873. She was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Minix. Her mother dying when she was only about seven years old, she was taken into the family of Mr. Kenner Boreman (father of ex-Gov. Boreman), where she received careful training in the principles of morality and religion. She was converted and united with the Church in 1852. She was married to Rev. M. Allen October 13, 1857, and has shared with her husband the joys and endured the deprivations and toils of more than fifteen years of itinerant life.

Sister Allen was possessed of a well cultivated mind and a very amiable disposition. She was humble, thoughtful and prudent in all her intercourse with the Church, and filled with great acceptability her place in the Church as a minister's wife. For three years she had suffered much at times with mental aberrations. In the last few months of her life she read the Bible much, and her desire was to attain to Christian perfection. The evening before she died she said: "I have given all into the hands of the Master, and have perfect peace."

E. C. WAYMAN.

MRS. CONWAY.

Caroline Conway passed from earth to her home in heaven February 13, 1873. She was the youngest daughter of John and Susan Muhleman, of Buckhill Bottom, Monroe county, Ohio, at which place she was born, January 17, 1850: was converted to God when about fourteen years of age, and joined the German M. E. Church at the above named place; was united in marriage to her now bereaved husband (Rev. C. H. Conway, of the W. Va. Conference,) April 8, 1872.

She was devotedly attached to the Church—loved God and the means of grace sincerely. She leaves her lonely husband and a little babe (only a week old at the time of her death), who expect to meet her in heaven, with a large circle of kindred and friends, many of whom are on their way to heaven; and many others have promised to meet her there.

She retained her right mind to the very last. Her mother, who is a devoted Christian, asked her this question about an hour before she calmly breathed her last, if she was willing to die, to which she firmly replied: "Yes, mother, ten times if it were necessary." Among her last words are these, which were addressed to her husband: "How God fills my heart! how he pours his love into my heart!"

Report of Visiting Committee to Allegheny College.

The Committee appointed to attend the examination and commencement exercises of Allegheny College, report as follows:

The students generally acquitted themselves well, and gave evidence of an intimate acquaintance with their studies. The addresses of the graduating class evinced much thought, and the graduates did themselves and the College honor by the manner in which they presented and discussed their themes.

There was one thing in which your Committee was especially gratified, that the young ladies who had been admitted to the College course stood as fair, and gave evidence of as thorough scholarship, as the young gentlemen did. So far, the experiment has been a decided success.

Your Committee is also glad to report that the College is recovering from its financial embarrassment, and will be better prepared to fulfill its mission in the future than it has been for some time past. The great present need of the College is an increase of students.

Meetings were held by the members present of the joint committees of the Erie, Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences, in which the general interests of the College were discussed, and such measures proposed as seemed important for the prosperity of the institution. The conclusions arrived at will be presented to the Conference for its consideration and action.

J. L. CLARK.

Secretarys' Annual Report.

The Secretaries of the West Virginia Annual Conference present the following financial report :

EXPENSES.

On Conference Trunk to and from Conference.....	\$ 50
On the Journals expressed from Brooklyn	1 50
For Envelopes, Postage, &c.....	75
Publishing Conference Minutes	200 00
	\$202 75

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Balance on hand from collection of 1871.....	\$ 1 82
Subscriptions by Preachers to publish Minutes.....	69 00
From Advertisements	131 00
	\$201 82
Balance due Secretaries.....	\$ 93

On Presiding Elders' Accounts.

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Presiding Elders, have examined the same, and find them correct.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That all reports and resolutions presented to this Conference shall be duplicated.

Resolved, That the grade indicating the examination of preachers in the West Va. Conference shall from this time be represented by the figures 1, 2 and 3; one indicating the highest, two medium, and three the lowest grade. And also that the topical method be adopted as far as possible in the examination.

WHEREAS, John L. Moses has been elected to Deacon's Orders, not having read the course of study; be it

Resolved, That Bro. Moses be required to read the course set forth in the Discipline for local preachers; and that the Presiding Elder of Guyandotte District be requested to see that the above resolution is carried out.

WHEREAS, It is essential to the success of any Church that its ministers should receive a salary adequate to their circumstances and claims; and

WHEREAS, The ministers of our Conference, notwithstanding their self-sacrificing labors and devotion to the work and fields of labor assigned them, are in many instances without a comfortable support, and in too many instances the meagre salary allowed them not paid; therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to enquire at the first and second Quarterly Conferences, whether the Disciplinary plan for raising and disbursing the preachers' salaries has been adopted; and if not, to see that it is carried out, and state their success in their annual report.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to hold the sessions of the West Va. Annual Conference from the 15th of March to the 1st of April.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Bro. A. Stevens, report that there are grave charges against him, and these charges are of such a nature that it would not be proper to act upon them without his having sufficient notice to prepare to meet them. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the case of Bro. Stevens be referred to his Presiding Elder, to be settled in the interval of Conference, according to Discipline.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Robert Brooks, beg leave to report, that while we cannot approve of the refusal of Bro. Brooks to go to his work; yet under the peculiar circumstances we recommend that his character pass.

WHEREAS, The dictates of common justice, as well as our holy religion, demand that the interests of our aged brethren in the ministry be duly regarded and secured ; therefore,

Resolved, That while all our people be most earnestly requested properly to consider the subject, we especially urge our beloved Bishop and his advisors, in arranging the appointments, to have the rights of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day fully in view.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Marcellus Allen, is in deep affliction, occasioned by the very sudden and unexpected death of his beloved wife ; therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with him in this painful bereavement, and will remember him and his motherless children at the throne of heavenly grace.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Short Creek and Liberty Circuit has authorized the trustees of the property on which the Old Stone Church formerly stood to convey said lot to the trustees of the cemetery ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the West Va. Annual Conference consent to the transfer of said property.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to our genial and excellent Bishop, for his courtesy, and impartial manner of discharging his part of the business of the West Virginia Conference ; and that we shall be glad to have him come often.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and the Andes and Emma Graham steamboats, for the reduction of fare ; to the citizens of Guyandotte for the generous and hospitable manner in which they entertained the Conference during its annual session ; to the Trustees of the Southern Methodist Episcopal and Baptist Churches, for placing at our disposal their Churches, and to the people generally for their kindness and attention.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES AND COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year—W. W. Kelly, J. B. Feather, M. W. Rider.

Second Year—R. M. Wallace, G. Grossfield, L. H. Jordon.

Third Year—J. A. Kibbe, F. M. Hughes, W. E. Loomis.

Fourth Year—W. M. Mullenix, S. B. D. Prickett, J. L. Clark.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS.

Deacons—G. Rogers, V. Sanford, F. H. J. King.

Elders—H. C. Sanford, B. Darlington, J. Conwell.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—S. Steele. *Alternate*—T. B. Hughes.

“ *Conference* “ E. W. Ryan. “ M. McNeel.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

G. Martin, J. L. Clark, S. E. Steele, J. W. Reger, W. M. Mullenix,
M. McNeel, S. Steele.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

President—F. Ball.

Vice President—C. D. Hubbard.

Cor. Sec.—E. W. Ryan.

Rec. Sec.—John Bailie.

Treasurer—J. Reed.

T. B. Hughes,

T. H. Trainer,

A. J. Lyda,

John Herron,

John E. Sisson,

Dr. T. H. Logan,

J. W. Webb.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—J. W. W. Bolton.

Vice President—W. C. Snodgrass.

Secretary—S. B. D. Prickett.

Treasurer—J. T. McCartney.

Managers.

T. M. Hartley,

J. A. Kibbe,

B. Darlington,

J. J. Dolliver,

W. C. Wilson.

Stewards' Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the year ending March, 1873.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference collections	Parson ages or Rent.
	Names.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Claims.	Receipts.		
MORGANTOWN DIST.							
Morgantown District.....	J. W. Webb, P. E.....	\$ 1,060 00					P
" Station.....	Wm. M. Mullenix.....	1,000 00		\$ 125 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 16 00	P
" Circuit.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	750 00	\$ 193 00	80 00	80 00		
"	T. R. Faulkner.....	150 00	41 67				
Smithtown.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	498 13	73 30	40 00	40 00	1 00	\$43 00
Monongalia.....	J. M. Warden.....	800 00	162 95	90 00	90 00	7 95	P
"	J. W. Huggins.....	150 00	30 60				
Brandonville.....	G. Crossfield.....	600 00		85 00	85 00	6 00	P
"	Z. M. Silbaugh, 8ms.....	113 00					
Pleasant Hill.....	C. J. Trippett.....	300 00	60 69	40 00	40 00	3 00	
Grantsville.....	W. J. Sharpes.....	450 00		65 00	65 00	3 00	P
Kingwood.....	W. C. Griffith.....	700 00	71 80	90 00	90 00	20 49	P
Oakland.....	J. L. Clark.....	800 00	183 73	80 00	80 00	14 00	P
"	T. W. Chidester.....	200 00	45 94				
Newburg.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....	700 00		60 00	60 00	6 00	110 00
Evansville.....	J. A. Fullerton.....	625 00		80 00	80 00	9 00	P
"	J. C. Rexroad.....	125 00					
Grafton.....	Samuel Steele.....	820 00		60 00	60 00	5 00	P
Knottsville & Fetterman	E. S. Wilson.....	600 00		60 00	60 00	3 50	
"	G. E. Hite.....	150 00					
Palatine.....	W. D. Carrico.....	500 00	54 00	60 00	60 00	1 25	72 00
St. George.....	J. W. Hess.....	450 00	84 29	45 00	45 00	1 25	24 00
		\$11,541 13	\$1,003 07	\$ 1,060 00	\$ 1,060 00	\$ 97 44	249 00
WHEELING DIST.							
Wheeling District.....	G. Martin, P. E.....	\$ 1,275 00	\$ 12 66				
" Fourth Street.....	H. C. Westwood.....	2,000 00		\$ 241 00	\$ 241 00	\$150 00	P
" North.....	G. W. Richmond.....	1,000 00		71 50	71 50	22 20	P
" Thomson Ch.....	S. W. Davis.....	800 00		66 00	66 00	34 50	P
" Zane Street.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1,250 00		121 00	121 00	24 35	250 00
" Chapline Street.....	E. W. Ryan.....	1,000 00		99 00	99 00	26 00	P
" Wesley Chapel.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1,000 00	229 77	44 00	44 00	1 75	250 00
Marshall Circuit.....	T. H. Trainer.....	700 00	71 30	77 00	77 00	21 00	75 00
"	H. H. Westwood.....	200 00	27 69				
Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	800 00		77 00	77 00	3 10	P
New Martinsville.....	C. H. Conway.....	300 00	50 00	55 00	55 00	2 00	35 00
"	G. W. Parrott, sup.....	200 00	33 34				
Greene Circuit.....	G. W. McClelland.....	400 00	180 01	55 00	55 00	10 00	
"	G. W. Franklin, 6ms.....	100 00	60 00				
Cameron.....	H. C. Sanford.....	775 00		44 00	44 00	2 50	
Grave Creek.....	D. Cool.....	600 00		77 00	77 00	2 00	90 00
"	L. L. Stewart.....	200 00					
Dallas.....	R. Northcraft.....	700 00	100 00	71 50	71 50	7 30	P
Short Creek & Liberty.....	L. H. Jordan.....	700 00	40 00	66 00	66 00	11 00	
Triadelphia.....	S. King.....	700 00		66 00	66 00	5 00	
Benwood.....	R. M. Wallace.....	800 00		44 00	31 34		199 00
		\$15,540 00	\$ 804 76	\$ 1,275 00	\$ 1,262 34	\$322 70	909 00
CLARKSBURG DIST.							
Clarksburg District.....	A. Hall, P. E.....	\$ 900 00	\$ 21 90				120 00
" Station.....	E. C. Wayman.....	800 00		\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 20 00	175 00
West Milford.....	M. Allen.....	753 00	172 54	130 00	126 50	3 00	P
"	J. A. H. Wilson.....	200 00	39 90				
"	J. E. Leberger.....	200 00	39 90				
Salem.....	Calvin Conner.....	500 00	75 00	40 00	40 00		P
Smithton.....	R. S. Welch.....	440 00	61 41	40 00	40 00		
"	W. H. Wiley.....						
Lumberport.....	S. S. Laughlin.....	400 00	79 37	75 00	75 00	2 30	37 00
Pruntytown.....	M. Dowler.....	350 00	29 00	90 00	82 00	9 30	
"	J. A. Williams.....	250 00	29 00				
Bridgeport.....	M. W. Rider.....	300 00	75 00	30 00	30 00	6 25	
Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	600 00		60 00	60 00	17 80	P
Marion.....	W. L. Hindman.....	650 00	116 16	90 00	83 50	3 00	P
"	P. N. Miller, 8ms sup.....	62 50	16 60				
Mannington.....	W. F. Cannan.....	700 00		90 00	90 00	13 80	P
Pine Grove.....	D. S. Benedum.....	400 00	172 70	45 00	43 40		
Jollytown.....	G. W. Matheny, 8ms.....	283 33	26 45	60 00	60 00		
"	E. C. Woodruff, 4ms.....	141 67	68 55				
"	J. D. Woods.....	175 00	29 45				
Blacksville.....	L. A. Tallman.....	450 00	93 39	60 00	57 70		12 00
Burton Mission.....	J. E. Meyers.....	125 00		30 00	30 00	1 00	
		\$ 8,680 50	\$1,146 32	\$ 900 00	\$ 818 10	\$ 75 65	344 00

Stewards' Report—Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference col- lections.	Parson- ages or Rent.
	Names.	Claims.	Deficien- cies.	Claims.	Receipts.		
BUCKHANNON DIST.							
Buckhannon District.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	\$ 1,000 00					
" Station.....	J. T. McCartney.....	500 00		\$ 95 00	\$ 95 00	\$ 15 50	P
" Circuit.....	E. Bennett, sup.....	250 00		100 00	100 00		
Phillippi.....	J. Conwell.....	550 00		75 00	75 00		P
Upshur.....	L. D. Casto.....	650 00	\$ 50 00	75 00	75 00		\$ 70 00
Beverly.....	J. N. Eckess.....	500 00	50 00	85 00	85 00		25 00
Webster.....	J. B. Harrah, sup.....	250 00		95 00	95 00		
Braxton.....	N. G. Sayre.....	300 00	150 00	95 00	95 00		
Frenchton.....	C. Rogers.....	650 00		95 00	95 00		
Canaan.....	J. W. Vincent, sup.....	300 00	150 00	55 00	55 00		
Weston.....	F. M. Hughes.....	450 00		95 00	95 00	5 62	P
Glenville.....	J. B. Beatty.....	450 00	50 00	80 00	80 00		
Freemansburg.....	W. E. Lovett.....	300 00		55 00	55 00		
		\$ 6,150 00	\$ 450 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 21 12	\$ 95 00
PARKERSBURG DIST.							
Parkersburg District.....	Benj. Ison, P. E.....	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 73 97				\$ 200 00
" Station.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	1,200 00		\$ 160 00	\$ 160 00	\$ 34 35	P
" Circuit.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	500 00		75 00	75 00		P
Williamstown Station.....	J. S. Freeland.....	350 00		50 00	50 00	2 00	
" Circuit.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	600 00	237 60	65 00	55 00		
Volcano.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	825 00		70 00	70 00	5 25	P
Murraysville.....	F. H. J. King.....	500 00	100 00	85 00	62 00	1 00	
Ravenswood.....	W. E. Loomis.....	500 00		90 00	90 00	2 00	P
" 	W. W. Harper.....						
Harrisville.....	M. McNeel.....	675 00	75 00	100 00	90 00		P
" 	D. Tasker.....	140 00	10 78				
Elizabeth.....	J. F. Chenowith.....	425 00		60 00	60 00	1 00	23 00
Ellenboro.....	T. M. Hartley.....	600 00	100 00	85 00	85 00	1 00	P
Burning Springs.....	E. B. Blundon.....	700 00		75 00	75 00		P
West Union.....	H. J. Boatman.....	600 00		80 00	80 00	1 00	65 00
Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	600 00	58 00	90 00	59 03		P
Middlebourne.....	W. E. Rippey.....	500 00	100 00	65 00	65 00		P
Centerville.....	J. P. Coleman.....	300 00	102 00	50 00	50 00	3 30	
		\$ 10,215 00	\$ 857 35	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,126 00	\$ 50 90	\$ 288 00
CHARLESTON DIST.							
Charleston District.....	J. M. Powell, P. E.....	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 10 50				
" Station.....	F. Ball.....	1,000 00		\$ 125 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 13 00	P
" Circuit.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	215 00	75 00	85 00	82 50		
" 	S. F. Smith.....	235 00				5 00	
Nicholas.....	G. C. Wilding.....	500 00	20 00	85 00	85 00	5 00	P
Mountain Cove.....	F. A. Trippett.....	200 00		85 00	85 00	5 50	
Raymond City.....	T. P. Ryan, sup.....	440 00	73 83	85 00	85 00	5 00	
Elk River.....	M. A. W. Young.....	312 00	112 00	80 00	80 00	3 00	
Mill Creek.....	J. M. Griffiths.....	350 00	45 40	85 00	81 50		
Pt. Pleasant & Buffalo.....	W. H. Young.....	600 00	180 00	100 00	100 00	5 00	50 00
Clifton.....	C. E. Manchester.....	650 00		100 00	100 00	10 00	100 00
Hartford City.....	J. B. Feather.....	800 00	50 00	120 00	115 00	18 00	69 00
Spencer.....	B. Darlington.....	550 00	63 56	85 00	85 00	5 00	
Bell Creek.....	L. Hill, sup.....	200 00	93 00	80 00	80 00	1 00	
Calhoun.....	J. T. Davis.....	350 00	30 00	85 00	85 00	3 00	
		\$ 7,602 00	\$ 753 29	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,189 50	\$ 78 50	\$ 219 00
GUYANDOTTE DIST.							
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E.....	\$ 925 00	\$ 133 20	\$ 250 00	\$ 250 00		
Guyandotte & Huntingn.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	1,000 00		80 00	80 00	\$ 7 56	\$ 150 00
Barboursville.....	G. C. Schaeffer.....	300 00		50 00	50 00		
Wayne.....	N. L. Bumgardner.....	350 00	83 00	60 00	54 35	5 91	
Sandy.....	B. Hagar.....			50 00	31 50		
Winfield & Monticello.....	B. Hagar.....	400 00	180 00	60 00	31 25	2 00	
" 	J. T. Carroll.....	250 00	115 00				
Coal River.....	V. Sanford.....	400 00	195 00	50 00	31 75	50	24 00
Boone & Logan.....	N. C. Beckley.....	400 00	130 76	65 00	65 00	2 50	
" 	C. L. Hanlon, sup.....	75 00	16 89				
Hamlin.....	C. S. Allemong.....	400 00	228 24	60 00	60 00	1 00	
Fayette.....	A. T. Morriston.....	400 00	43 85	50 00	50 00	5 35	
Mercer.....	A. Workman.....	250 00	98 37	50 00	27 00		
McDowell & Wyoming.....	Jos. C. Sidebottom.....	300 00	185 60	50 00	19 45	2 70	
Raleigh.....	Renix Weese.....	300 00	97 00	50 00	41 50		36 00
		\$ 5,750 00	\$ 1,506 91	\$ 925 00	\$ 791 80	\$ 27 52	\$ 210 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference collections	Pars'nages or Rent.
	Claims.	Deficiencies	Claims.	Receipts.		
Morgantown District,	\$11,541 13	\$1,002 07	\$1,060 00	\$1,060 00	\$ 97 44	\$ 249 00
Wheeling "	15,540 00	804 76	1,275 00	1,262 34	322 70	900 00
Clarksburg "	8,680 50	1,146 32	900 00	878 10	75 65	344 00
Buckhannon "	6,150 00	450 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	21 12	.....
Parkersburg "	10,215 00	857 35	1,200 00	1,126 03	50 90	288 00
Charleston "	7,602 00	753 29	1,200 00	1,189 50	78 50	219 00
Guyandotte "	5,750 00	1,506 91	925 00	791 80	27 52	210 00
	\$65,478 63	\$6,521 70	\$7,560 00	\$7,207 77	\$ 673 83	\$2314 00

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1873.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				B'tisms		Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Building and Improving.	Present Indebtedness.	Conference Claimants.	Mission Society.		Woman's Foreign Mis. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Bible Society.	
Morgantown Dist.																							
Morgantown Station.....	20	210	3	5	1	1	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 400 00		\$ 16 00	\$138 19	\$ 100 00	\$131 50		\$ 3 00	\$ 4 00				
Morgantown Circuit.....	20	460	2	3	18	20	6	3,700	.....	.....	250 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	\$ 1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....		
Smithton ".....	40	283	3	1	2	10	6	2,000	.....	.....	175 00	\$200 00	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	\$ 1 00		
Monongalia ".....	30	720	4	3	6	30	2	4,000	1	800	800 00	200 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Brandonville ".....	53	397	4	4	2	36	5	7,400	1	1,000	1,450 00	600 00	6 00	.....	.....	11 45	1 60	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Pleasant Hill ".....	50	206	2	.....	5	8	3	2,050	1	500	2,000 00	200 00	3 00	20 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	80	1 00	1 00		
Grantsville ".....	20	275	3	7	20	1	6	5,700	1	225	200 00	167 00	3 00	15 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Kingwood ".....	75	345	1	5	4	14	5	4,700	1	3,500	2,900 00	500 00	20 94	5 27	18 00	.....	16 77	1 00	1 00	.....	.....		
Oakland ".....	60	453	1	2	10	5	5	5,600	1	16,000	500 00	40 00	14 00	.....	60 00	.....	2 00	2 00	3 00	\$ 1 00	2 00		
Newburgh ".....	44	202	.....	2	11	5	2	7,000	.....	.....	360 00	.....	9 00	46 70	.....	.....	11 45	2 05	2 25	1 00	1 00		
Evansville ".....	36	390	3	3	18	18	2	6,300	1	250	2,100 00	.....	3 40	30 00	.....	.....	1 50	2 00	1 00	1 50	1 50		
Grafton Station.....	17	205	2	1	15	3	2	15,000	1	3,000	4,000 00	4,000 00	1 25	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Knottsville & Fetterman	15	300	2	6	6	8	.....	5,000	.....	.....	1,800 00	.....	1 25	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Palatine.....	40	410	5	2	1	25	8	8,000	.....	.....	300 00	.....	1 25	4 00	.....	.....	1 23	.....	.....	.....	.....		
St. George.....	11	220	1	2	15	.....	5	2,500	.....	.....	500 00	.....	1 25	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Total.....	531	5,076	36	46	134	184	76	\$ 78,950	9	\$12,875	15635 00	5,907 00	106 84	270 16	178 00	142 95	35 97	14 65	15 05	3 50	7 50		
Wheeling Dist.																							
Fourth Street Station.....	15	343	1	9	20	1	1	80,000	1	\$= 4,000	1,500 00	7,000 00	\$150 00	\$100 00	\$ 900 00	\$150 00	\$50 00	\$30 00	\$30 00	\$15 00	\$25 00		
North ".....	14	207	1	1	21	1	1	4,500	1	1,800	155 22	.....	22 20	50 00	37 00	32 00	6 90	4 00	5 00	.....	.....		
Thomson Chapel ".....	24	122	3	.....	28	4	1	12,600	1	2,500	.....	800 00	34 50	40 00	48 65	30 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....		
Zane Street ".....	10	210	3	2	25	2	1	16,000	.....	.....	75 00	.....	24 27	114 45	45 00	.....	9 00	2 00	3 00	.....	.....		
Chapline Street ".....	26	176	2	2	17	8	1	7,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	26 00	.....	183 60	.....	16 25	3 50	5 50	5 00	.....		
Wesley Chapel ".....	2	69	.....	2	23	2	1	8,000	.....	.....	425 00	3,329 65	1 75	5 00	10 00	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Marshall Circuit.....	31	298	4	7	18	13	7	11,000	.....	.....	150 00	.....	21 00	35 00	.....	.....	2 45	1 20	1 45	1 65	.....		
Moundsville Station.....	28	173	1	7	2	9	1	5,000	1	1,500	200 00	65 00	.....	12 60	.....	3 10	85	75	90	1 00	.....		
New Martinsville Circuit	36	152	1	2	3	4	4	4,500	.....	.....	500 00	125 00	2 00	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Greene ".....	12	251	2	5	.....	8	6	2,600	.....	.....	500 00	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Cameron Station.....	18	115	.....	.....	.....	8	2	2,500	.....	.....	.....	20 00	2 50	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Grave Creek.....	109	315	3	.....	30	8	2	10,000	.....	.....	700 00	.....	2 00	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Dallas ".....	10	264	.....	4	7	.....	3	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 30	26 50	.....	.....	3 45	2 10	2 50	60	1 00		
Short Creek & Liberty....	6	150	.....	6	2	5	2	12,500	1	500	.....	.....	11 00	34 90	5 10	.....	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....		
Triadelphia.....	34	124	1	4	12	9	2	11,000	1	4,000	.....	.....	5 00	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....		
Benwood.....	3	68	.....	4	6	.....	1	4,500	.....	.....	.....	160 00	.....	5 98	2 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Total.....	378	3,037	27	55	184	108	42	\$194,200	7	\$ 16,300	4,205 22	11,499 65	\$319 52	\$486 43	\$1,246 67	\$215 10	\$91 70	\$44 55	\$54 20	\$24 25	\$26 00		

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				B'tisms		Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Building and Improving.	Present Indebtedness.	Conference Claimants.	Mission. Society.			Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Bible Society.	
														Churches.	S. Schools.	Women's Foreign Mis. Society.							
Clarksburg District.																							
Clarksburg Station.....	7	160	2	6	6	4	1	\$ 11,000			\$ 100		\$ 20 00	\$ 9 00		\$15 00							
West Milford Circuit.....	45	628	5	15	18	23	12	10,000	1	\$ 800			3 00	10 00									
Salem ".....	50	173	3	7	5	15	5	3,000	1	350	400	\$ 350 00		8 00		\$ 3 00							
Smithton ".....	69	231	4	7	7	19	4	2,500			800	500 00		4 00									
Lumberport ".....	61	400	5			4	12	4,500			500		2 30	2 10			60	\$ 1 20	\$ 60	50	\$ 2 50		
Pruntytown ".....	29	205	2			1	7	6,000					9 10	24 15	\$ 1 35		1 35	1 30		2 45			
Ridgeport ".....	32	106	2			2	4	3,500			300	100 00	6 25	6 55			2 60						
Fairmont ".....	6	120	3				1	6,500	1	1,200	200		17 00	40 00	10 00	17 50	3 50	2 50	3 00	2 50	2 00		
Marion ".....	22	219	3	1	1	1	7	5,000	1	700	100		3 00	22 00			10 11	1 40					
Mannington.....	7	425	3	6	6	42	10	7,000	1	1,000	1,000		13 80	23 00			2 00	2 35	2 35				
Pine Grove Circuit.....	53	189	1			9	4	1,300			205			10 80									
Jollytown.....	52	252	2				4	3,000	1	750				25 00									
Blacksville Circuit.....	25	240	5	6	6	5	5	2,000															
Burton ".....	46	99				7																	
Total	485	3,447	38	45	49	128	76	65,300	6	4,800	3,605	959 10	74 45	184 60	11 35	32 50	22 96	8 75	5 95	5 45	4 50	.....	.....
Buckhannon Dist.																							
Buckhannon Station.....	9	220	2	3		5	3	2,500		750	150		15 00	11 60		11 60	1 00	1 00		60			
" Circuit.....	32	371	6	4	2	6	7	5,000				1,200 00											
Phillippi* ".....	55	382	8				9	4,000	1	700													
Upshur* ".....	85	400	3				9	4,000															
Beverly ".....	2	198	1			1	5	3,200															
Webster ".....	12	133	1		1		1	200			200												
Braxton ".....	40	200	4				4	2,000					7 45	68 51									
Frenchton ".....	13	159	1				2	1,500	1	300													
Canaan ".....																							
Weston ".....	23	149	1		12	1	2	1,500	1	3,000			5 62	21 83		53 63							
Glenville ".....	21	142	4	4			5	2,000															
Freemansburgh ".....	43	236	3	1		9	3	2,500						5 40									
Total	355	2,590	37	12	17	22	51	28,400	2	3,750	350	1,200 00	28 07	107 34	.....	65 23	\$ 1 00	1 00	.....	60	.....	.....	.....

*Reports of 1872.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1873.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	Numbers.				B'tisms		Church Property.					Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and Improving.	Present Indebtedness.	Conference Claimants.	Mission. Society.		Women's Foreign Mis. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Bible Society.
														Churches.	S. Schools.							
Parkersburg Dist.																						
Parkersburg Station.....	9	208	...	2	4	.....	1	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 4,500	\$ 234 78	.....	\$ 34 35	\$ 265 00	\$ 146 56	\$ 15 00	\$ 16 18	\$ 11 00	\$ 12 63	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg Ct.....	140	283	4	3	.....	.....	3	1,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown.....	.....	42	.....	.....	2	3	4	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown Ct.....	.....	233	5	3	.....	.....	4	3,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Volcano.....	65	60	.....	.....	4	5	1	1,800	1	300	900 00	\$ 40	.....	30 00	.....	40 58	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Murraysville*.....	41	185	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravenswood.....	69	250	5	2	11	7	2	2,800	1	600	175 00	400	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	46	610	6	3	11	24	10	5,000	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth.....	17	112	1	2	1	2	2	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellenboro.....	20	400	3	.....	.....	30	6	4,500	1	1,400	300 00	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Burning Springs*.....	68	70	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1,300	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	30	87	4	.....	.....	2	2	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Sistersville.....	50	300	3	7	.....	.....	6	5,400	1	300	100 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebourne.....	60	250	4	3	.....	9	4	4,000	1	800	200 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centerville.....	40	200	2	2	.....	5	3	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 30	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	655	3,290	40	30	33	93	46	54,900	9	10,600	1,879 78	1,476	52 65	393 60	146 56	55 58	23 18	13 25	\$17 43	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Dist.																						
Charleston Station.....	26	118	.....	2	1	11	1	14,000	.....	.....	8,000 00	.....	13 00	33 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit.....	20	230	4	2	4	4	1	800	1	300	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Nicholas ".....	142	368	2	8	2	5	4	3,000	.....	.....	250 00	200	5 00	30 00	.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	\$ 1 00	1 00	.....
Mountain Cove Circuit.....	30	240	4	4	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	200 00	.....	5 50	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Raymond City ".....	36	175	2	1	1	4	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River ".....	50	200	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek ".....	120	100	2	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pt. Pleasant & Buffalo Ct.	52	195	3	1	2	16	4	4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	18 70	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clifton Circuit.....	24	120	1	.....	22	5	2	6,500	.....	.....	500 00	700	10 00	40 00	.....	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....
Hartford City Circuit.....	20	180	2	.....	12	10	3	5,500	.....	.....	.....	120	18 00	32 00	8 00	.....	2 50	2 30	2 75	.....	.....	7 50
Spencer ".....	87	418	3	4	1	12	2	1,500	.....	.....	65 00	.....	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Bell Creek ".....	70	160	10	4	7	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun ".....	98	228	.....	4	1	4	3	700	.....	.....	250 00	.....	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	775	2,702	40	33	60	72	24	37,300	1	800	9,265 00	1,020	78 50	215 20	8 00	6 00	17 00	7 30	8 75	2 00	2 00	7 50

*Statistics of 1872.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1873.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				B'tisms		Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and Improving.	Present Indebtedness.	Conference Claimants.	Mission. Society.		Women's Foreign Mis. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Bible Society.	
														Churches.	S. Schools.								
Guyandotte Dist.																							
Guyandotte & Huntington	31	135	...	...	1	2	1	\$ 4,000	...				\$ 7 61	\$ 20 00	.....			\$ 1 35	\$ 3 00	.....		\$ 8 80	
Barboursville	73	110	...	...	...	...	2	2,500	...				5 91	2 10	.....		\$ 1 20	55	3 15	10	.....		
Wayne	90	280	6	6	9	22	2	1,000	...		\$ 15			14 00	.....								
Sandy	50	200	4	3	...	...	3	600	...				2 00		\$ 10 00								
Winfield & Monticello	108	278	4	5	34	19	5	6,000	...				50	3 00	.....		50		50				
Coal River	73	102	1	3	5	...	...						2 50	12 10	.....				2 50				
Boone & Logan	100	65	7	5	19	11	2	500	...				5 00	5 20	.....								
Fayette	160	206	4	...	6	19	...							2 00	.....								
Mercer	28	230	2	3	25	15	1	100	...				2 70	4 40	.....								
McDowell & Wyoming	96	175	...	...	9	2	1	300	...					4 50	.....								
Raleigh	149	289	7	4	5	15	...	500	1	\$ 300	250	\$ 60	1 00	10 00	.....								
Hamlin	189	200	6	2	6	...	2	400	1	700	200	300			.....								
Total	1,147	2,280	41	33	119	105	21	15,900	2	1,000	465	360	27 22	77 30	10 00	.....	1 70	1 90	9 15	10	.....	8 80	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.				Baptisms		Church Property.						Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Building and Improving.	Present Indebtedness.	Conference Claimants.	Missionary.		Women's Foreign Mis. Society.	Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	
														Churches.	S. Schools.								
Morgantown.....	521	5,076	46	46	134	184	76	\$ 78,950	9	9,875	\$ 156 35	\$ 5,907 00	\$106 84	\$ 270 16	\$ 178 00	\$142 95	\$ 35 97	\$15 65	\$ 3 50	\$ 7 50	.....	\$15 05	
Wheeling.....	378	3,037	27	55	184	108	42	194,240	7	16,300	4,205 42	11,499 65	319 52	486 43	1,246 67	215 10	91 70	44 55	24 26	26 00	.....	54 10	
Clarksburg.....	485	3,447	38	45	49	128	76	65,300	6	4,800	3,605 00	959 10	74 45	184 60	11 35	32 50	22 96	8 75	5 45	4 50	.....	5 95	
Buckhannon.....	335	2,580	37	12	17	22	51	28,400	2	3,750	350 00	1,200 00	28 07	107 34	.....	65 23	1 00	1 00	60	.....	.....		
Parkersburg.....	655	3,290	40	30	33	93	46	54,900	9	10,600	1,879 78	1,476 00	52 65	193 60	146 56	55 58	23 18	13 25	.....	.....	17 43		
Charleston.....	775	2,702	40	33	60	72	24	37,300	1	300	9,265 00	1,020 00	28 50	215 20	8 00	6 00	17 00	7 30	2 00	2 00	\$ 7 50	8 75	
Guyandotte.....	1,447	2,280	41	33	119	105	21	15,900	2	1,000	465 00	360 00	27 22	77 30	10 00	.....	1 70	1 90	10	.....	8 80	9 15	
Total.....	4,496	22,412	259	255	584	715	336	474,950	36	46,625	19,926 35	23,421 75	687 25	1,534 63	1,600 58	593 36	193 57	92 40	35 90	40 00	16 30	110 03	
Total last year.....	.....	.....	256	242	839	1,221	336	451,898	34	49,795	.....	.....	756 75	3,344 83	.....	.....	415 20	82 66	42 25	.....	323 64	99 58	
Increase.....	.....	.....	3	8	.....	.....	.....	23,052	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 74	.....	.....	.....	9 19	
Decrease.....	521	1,335	.....	.....	255	518	.....	.....	.....	3,170	.....	.....	14 50	385 24	.....	.....	295 69	.....	6 35	.....	.....	.....	

Total last year	256	242	838	1,221	599	201,500	2	3,170	14	50	385	24	295	69	9	74	6	35	9	19	
Increase	521	1,335	3	8	255	518	23,052	2	3,170	14	50	385	24	295	69	9	74	6	35	9	19
Decrease																					

RECAPITULATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS OF W. VA. CONFERENCE FOR 1873.

DISTRICTS.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 and over.	Scholars 15 and under.	Infant Class.	Average attendance of all.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the year.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are M.	S. Scholars M. or P.	Conversions.
Morgantown	73	631	4,227	656	624	278	2,357	10,065	\$ 813 70	228	148	242	453	132
Wheeling	49	558	3,324	314	577	593	1,817	7,705	1,500 24	693	83	317	129	81
Clarksburg	57	528	2,519	812	928	384	154	6,838	535 84	190	15	352	481	120
Buckhannon	41	387	1,760	189	189	26	474	3,735	95 00	125	.....	88	157	112
Parkersburg	59	512	2,577	514	605	303	715	6,482	421 89	518	72	177	364	106
Charleston	56	402	2,179	444	685	215	1,392	3,371	237 00	87	74	289	374	236
Guyandotte	49	339	1,597	545	385	86	740	313	186 00	185	1	258	278	218
Total	384	3,357	18,183	3,474	4,013	1,885	9,036	38,509	\$ 3,789 60	2,026	393	1,747	2,236	1,005

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

"Whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me, shall Never Die."

NAMES.	Where Died.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Va.	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854.	Effective	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....		April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
William Summers.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary.....	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....		April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
Jessee Freeland.....		1856.			
Alpheus Robe.....		1856.	On Trial.....	33	2
James A. Young.....		1857.	On Trial..		1
W. D. Warman.....		1868.			
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va.	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....		4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, W. Va.	January 24, 1870...	Superannuated.....	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, W. Va.....	1870.	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, W. Va.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, W. Va...	March 6, 1873.....	Effective... ..	37	7

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OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

BISHOP LEVI SCOTT, D.D., *Presiding.*

J. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

W. H. MORTON,
S. B. D. PRICKITT, } *Assistant Secretaries.*
T. M. HARTLEY,

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1874.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Twenty-Seventh Session at Fairmont, West Virginia, March 11, 1874—Bishop Levi Scott, D.D., presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by the Bishop who read the 4th Chapter of 2 Cor., and gave out the 237 Hymn; after which Brothers Titchenel and G. Martin led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll and 69 members answered the call.

On motion, J. L. Clark was re-elected Secretary, and W. H. Morton, S. B. D. Prickitt and T. M. Hartley, Assistants.

The following committees were appointed:

On Public Worship—A. Hall, S. B. D. Prickitt, W. H. Young.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—G. Crossfield, G. Martin, C. Conner, F. M. Hughes, J. W. W. Bolton, J. B. Feather, J. A. Kibbe.

Board of Stewards, Lay—G. A. Bishop, B. Davenport, G. Long, J. W. Hefner, W. Young, P. W. Morgan, J. W. Bonner.

On Necessitous Cases.—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

On Education.—A. Martin, E. W. Ryan, J. G. Blair, W. H. Morton, W. M. Mullenix, J. A. Kibbe, J. W. W. Bolton.

On Sunday Schools.—J. P. Thatcher, W. C. Wilson, R. S. Welch, J. T. McCartney, W. E. Loomis, N. C. Beckley, S. E. Steele.

On Periodicals.—S. Steele, R. Northcraft, W. L. Hindman, J. A. Williams, E. C. Wayman, W. M. Mullenix, M. W. Rider.

On Tract Cause.—C. J. Trippett, T. B. Hughes, H. H. Westwood, L. D. Casto, M. McNeel, C. E. Manchester, C. S. Allemong.

On the Bible Cause.—J. M. Warden, H. C. Sanford, W. R. White, J. Conwell, F. H. J. King, C. H. Lakin, A. T. Morriston.

On Temperance.—J. J. Dolliver, A. J. Lyda, R. M. Wallace, W. E. Lovett, W. E. Rippey, G. C. Wilding, J. A. H. Wilson.

To Audit Presiding Elders Accounts.—W. C. Snodgrass, E. C. Woodruff, E. S. Wilson, L. D. Casto, T. M. Hartley, W. M. Mullenix, N. L. Baumgardner.

On Church Extension.—The Presiding Elders.

On Observance of the Sabbath.—W. C. Griffith, T. B. Hughes, W. D. Carrico, F. M. Hughes, G. C. Shaffer, B. Darlington, R. Weese.

On Publication of Minutes.—The Secretaries.

On Funds for Publication of Minutes.—W. H. Young, L. L. Stewart, G. W. McClelland, J. S. Laughlin, J. S. Freeland, J. T. Davis, N. L. Baumgardner.

On Freedman's Aid Society.—J. A. Fullerton, L. H. Jordan, J. F. Snodgrass, J. C. Rexroad, J. F. Chenowith, B. Hagar, S. E. Steele.

On Post Offices.—T. R. Faulkner, D. Cool, J. D. Woods, G. Rogers, H. J. Boatman, M. A. W. Young, C. S. Allemong.

On Tobacco.—E. W. Ryan, T. B. Hughes, W. L. Cannan, L. D. Casto, W. W. Kelley, F. A. Trippett, J. A. Kibbe.

On Statistics.—The Secretaries.

On the Bishop's Fund.—R. M. Wallace.

On a Summer Resort.—M. Titchenel, A. J. Lyda, J. L. Clark.

On the Bequest of Mrs. P. Burns.—W. R. White, S. B. D. Prickitt, J. L. Clark.

On the Bequest of N. Pumphrey.—J. M. Powell, W. M. Mullenix, G. C. Wilding.

On the Bequest of S. Jones.—T. H. Trainer, M. Dowler, W. R. White.

To Receive Money for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.—B. Darlington.

On Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.—E. W. Ryan, W. M. Mullenix, J. W. W. Bolton.

To Receive Funds from the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conference Centenary Fund.—J. L. Clark.

On Memoirs.—F. Ball, G. Martin, A. J. Lyda, E. W. Ryan.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1.—Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?

ANSWER.—J. McKendre Reiley and A. R. Reiley by Transfer; R. Laughlin by Readmission.

QUES. 2.—Who are admitted on Trial?

ANS.—N. B. Johnson, W. G. Rhieldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, J. C. Weaver, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, J. C. Sidebottom, F. G. W. Ford, E. D. Buckner, W. C. Chevront, W. Wristen, J. Chamberlain, A. D. Perry, W. F. Lewis.

QUES. 3.—Who remain on Trial?

ANS.—J. W. Huggins, J. Lee, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, G. W. Parrott, R. T. Vanmeter.

QUES. 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, F. A. Trippett, M. A. W. Young, J. S. Laughlin, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, J. Eichelberger, W. Griffith, W. E. Lovett, J. A. Fullerton, S. Lowther, W. H. Satterfield.

QUES. 5.—Who are Deacons of the First Class?

ANS.—H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, F. A. Trippett, M. A. W. Young, J. S. Laughlin, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, J. Eichelberger, W. C. Griffith, J. B. Beatty, E. C. Woodruff, L. A. Tallman.

QUES. 6.—Who are Deacons of the Second Class?

ANS.—J. A. H. Wilson, G. C. Shaffer, J. F. Snodgrass, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, A. T. Morriston, J. F. Chenowith, C. S. Allemong, J. W. Griffith, J. D. Woods, J. T. Davis, J. R. Thompson, W. Lovett, J. A. Fullerton.

QUES. 7.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—N. L. Baumgardner, W. H. Young, N. C. Beckley, G. W. McClelland, L. L. Stewart, J. T. McCartney, C. J. Trippett, W. H. Wiley.

QUES. 8.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANS.—J. B. Pinchen, S. Hitchens, S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, L. A. Tallman, E. Ford, M. Titchenel, B. F. Rogers, A. J. Lyon, J. N. Eckess, J. A. Williams, E. L. Nicholson.

QUEST. 9.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANS.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, J. B. Beatty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, L. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, D. S. Benedum, R. Hagar, G. W. Matheney, J. L. Sanford.

QUES. 10.—Was the character of each Preacher examined?

ANS.—Their names were called over before the Conference and their characters passed.

QUES. 11.—Have any located?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 12.—Have any withdrawn?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 13.—Have any been transferred and to what Conference?

ANS.—L. B. Carpenter to Baltimore Conference, S. W. Davis to Pittsburgh Conference, M. Allen to Des Moines Conference, J. P. Coleman to North West Iowa Conference, A. B. Rohrabough to Illinois Conference.

QUES. 14.—Have any been expelled?

ANS.—None.

QUES. 15.—Have any died?

ANS.—G. W. Richmond—(see Memoir.)

QUES. 16.—What is the Statistical Report?

ANS.—See Statistics.

QUES. 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANS.—For the support of superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers.....\$2,000

QUES. 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—From Circuits and Stations.....	\$769 33
“ the Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Interest of funds in the hands of S. Steele.....	5 50
“ “ “ “ “ “ W. M. Mullenix,	11 00

Which has been applied as follows:

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R. L. Brooks.....	Per Self.....	\$100 00
A. Dixon.....	“ J. W. W. Bolton.....	80 00
F. Guthrie.....	“ J. M. Powell.....	110 00
Widow Warman.....	“ W. E. Loomis.....	50 00
Widow Burns.....	“ G. Martin.....	25 00
Widow Smith.....	“ “.....	10 33
Widow Vandervort's Children... “	D. H. K. Dix.....	40 00
G. W. Matheney.....	“ Self.....	40 00
D. S. Benedum.....	“ “.....	40 00
J. C. Sidebottom.....	“ “.....	20 00
A. Workman.....	“ “.....	20 00
A. T. Morriston.....	“ “.....	40 00
G. H. Williams.....	“ D. H. K. Dix.....	20 00
C. S. Allemong.....	“ Self.....	20 00
S. D. Jones.....	“ C. E. Manchester.....	35 00
Widow Blondin.....	“ W. M. Mullenix.....	75 00
Widow Battelle.....	“ M. P. Gaddis.....	50 00
Widow Irwin.....	“ R. M. Wallace.....	50 00
N. B. Johnson.....	“ Self.....	1 50

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QUES. 19.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

Ans.—Ordained Deacons—C. Warman, Howson Riggs, G. W. Morgan, A. Beckley, Hanning Foggy, I. C. Rich, W. Evans, J. L. Myers, J. C. Robinson, J. G. Davis, T. J. Parke.

Ordained Elders—A. L. Wade, L. Warman, J. Dewitt.

QUES. 20.—Are any of our Literary Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

Ans.—Allegheny College. (See Report.)

QUES. 21.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

Ans.—President, F. Ball; Vice-President, C. D. Hubbard; Recording Secretary, J. Baile; Corresponding Secretary, A. J. Lyda; Treasurer, J. Reed; Additional members, D. H. K. Dix, C. Wilson, B. Davenport.

QUES. 22.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

Ans.—

No.	APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in charge.	State in Ministry.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	MORGANTOWN DIST.....	S. Steele, P. E.....	1	Elder.....	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	W. Va..
2	" Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
3	" Circuit.....	B. Ison.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
4	Smithtown.....	J. W. Hess.....	2	Elder.....	Smithtown.....	"	"
5	Monongalia.....	J. A. Fullerton.....	1	Deacon.....	Grantsville.....	"	"
6	"	W. H. Satterfield.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
7	Brandonville.....	W. J. Sharpes.....	1	Elder.....	Brandonville.....	Preston.....	"
8	"	R. P. Vanmeter.....	1	On Trial.....	"	"	"
9	Pleasant Hill.....	J. G. Weaver.....	2	On Trial.....	Portland.....	"	"
10	Grantsville.....	C. J. Trippett.....	1	Elder.....	Grantsville.....	Garrett.....	Md.....
11	Kingwood.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....	1	Elder.....	Kingwood.....	Preston.....	W. Va..
12	Masontown.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	1	Elder.....	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	"
13	Oakland.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	2	Elder.....	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md.....
14	"	J. Chamberlain.....	1	On Trial.....	"	"	"
15	Newburg.....	J. M. Warden.....	1	Elder.....	Newburg.....	Preston.....	W. Va..
16	Rowlesburg.....	T. R. Faulkner.....	2	Deacon.....	Rowlesburg.....	"	"
17	Evansville.....	J. B. Feather.....	1	Elder.....	Evansville.....	"	"
18	Pleasant Grove.....	F. G. W. Ford.....	1	On Trial.....	"	"	"
19	Grafton.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	1	Elder.....	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	"
20	Knottsville.....	H. H. Westwood.....	1	Deacon.....	Knottsville.....	"	"
21	"	E. D. Buckner.....	1	On Trial.....	"	"	"
22	Fetterman.....	J. Lee.....	1	On Trial.....	Fetterman.....	"	"
23	Palatine.....	W. H. Young.....	1	Elder.....	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
24	St. George.....	T. W. Chidester.....	2	Deacon.....	St. George.....	Tucker.....	"
25	Pres. State University.....	*A. Martin.....		Elder.....	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	"
26	Prof. ".....	*F. W. Wood.....		Elder.....	"	"	"
27	WHEELING DISTRICT.....	F. Ball, P. E.....	2	Elder.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
28	Fourth Street.....	J. M. Kendre Reiley.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
29	North Street.....	J. W. Webb.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
30	Thomson Church.....	G. Martin.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
31	Zane Street.....	T. B. Hughes.....	3	Elder.....	"	"	"
32	Chapline Street.....	J. R. Thompson.....	2	Deacon.....	"	"	"
33	Wesley Church.....	A. J. Lyda.....	3	Elder.....	"	"	"
34	Fulton Church.....	G. W. Rhiedaffer.....	1	On Trial.....	"	"	"
35	Marshall.....	D. H. K. Dix.....	1	Elder.....	Moundsville.....	Marshall.....	"
36	"	M. A. W. Young.....	1	Deacon.....	"	"	"
37	Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	3	Elder.....	"	"	"
38	New Martinsville & } Woodland.....	D. Cool.....	1	Elder.....	New Martinsville.....	Wetzel.....	"
39	"	M. Dowler.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
40	Greene.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	2	Deacon.....	Belton.....	Marshall ..	"
41	Cameron.....	H. C. Sanford.....	3	Elder.....	Cameron.....	"	"
42	Grave Creek.....	L. H. Jordan.....	1	Elder.....	Moundsville.....	"	"
43	Dallas.....	C. Conner.....	1	Elder.....	Dallas.....	"	"
44	Short Creek & Liberty.....	T. M. Hartley.....	1	Elder.....	West Liberty.....	Ohio.....	"
45	Triadelphia.....	S. King.....	3	Elder.....	Triadelphia.....	"	"
46	Benwood.....	L. L. Stewart.....	2	Elder.....	Benwood.....	Marshall.....	"
47	Pres. Female College, Wheeling, Agent W. Va. Con. Ed. Soc.	†W. H. Morton.....		Elder.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"

*Members Morgantown Quarterly Meeting.

†Members Fourth Street Quarterly Conference.

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48	CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.	J. W. W. Bolton.....	1	Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	W. Va.
49	" Station.....	J. L. Clark.....	2	Elder.....	Clarksburg.....	Harrison ..	"
50	West Milford.....	E. S. Wilson.....	2	Elder.....	West Milford.....	"	"
51	"	J. W. Huggins.....	2	On Trial	"	"	"
52	Wilsonburg.....	R. Northcraft.....	1	Elder.....	Wilsonburg.....	"	"
53	Salem.....	C. S. Allenong.....	1	Deacon.....	Salem.....	"	"
54	Smithton.....	D. Tasker.....	1	Deacon.....	Smithton.....	Doddridge..	"
55	Lumberport.....	W. D. Carrico.....	2	Elder.....	Lumberport.....	Harrison.....	"
56	Pruntytown.....	W. E. Loomis.....	1	Elder.....	Pruntytown.....	Taylor.....	"
57	Bridgeport.....	J. Eichelberger.....	1	Deacon.....	Bridgeport.....	Harrison.....	"
58	Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickitt.....	3	Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
59	Marion.....	W. F. Cannan.....	1	Elder.....	Barracksville...	"	"
60	Mannington.....	R. M. Wallace.....	2	Elder.....	Mannington.....	"	"
61	"	S. R. Jones.....	1	On Trial	"	"	"
62	Pine Grove.....	G. W. McClelland.....	1	Elder.....	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	"
63	Blacksville.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	2	Deacon ..	Jollytown.....	Greene.....	Pa. —
64	Littleton.....	G. W. Parrott.....	1	On Trial	Bolton.....	Marshall.....	W. Va.
65	State Bible Agent.....	W. H. White.....		Elder.....	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
66	Princ'l Normal School	J. G. Blair.....		Elder.....	"	"	"
67	BUCKHANNON DIST.	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	3	Elder.....	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
68	" Station.....	F. M. Hughes.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
69	" Circuit.....	G. Rogers.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
70	Phillippi.....	J. Conwell.....	2	Elder.....	Phillippi.....	Barbour...	"
71	Upshur.....	J. S. Laughlin.....	2	Deacon ..	"	"	"
72	Beverly.....	H. Pogy.....	2	Supply.....	Beverly.....	Randolph..	"
73	Sutton.....	A. Mick.....	2	On Trial	Sutton.....	Braxton.....	"
74	Frenchton.....	L. D. Casto.....	2	Elder.....	Centreville.....	Upshur.....	"
75	Canaan.....	J. C. Rexroad.....	2	Deacon ..	"	"	"
76	Weston.....	J. T. McCartney.....	2	Elder.....	Weston.....	Lewis.....	"
77	Glenville.....	W. E. Lovett.....	2	Deacon ..	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	"
78	Freemansburg.....	R. Weese.....	1	Deacon ..	"	"	"
79	Lewis.....	J. D. Woods.....	1	Deacon.....	"	"	"
80	PARKERSBURG DIST.	A. Hall, P. E.....	1	Elder.....	Parkersburg.....	Wood.....	"
81	" Station.....	A. R. Reley.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
82	" Circuit.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	1	Elder.....	"	"	"
83	Williamstown.....	G. C. Shaffer.....	2	Deacon ..	Williamstown.....	"	"
84	Mount Pleasant.....	J. F. Chenowith.....	1	Deacon ..	"	"	"
85	Volcano.....	E. C. Wayman.....	2	Elder.....	Volcano.....	"	"
86	Murraysville.....	W. E. Rippey.....	2	Deacon ..	Murraysville.....	Jackson.....	"
87	Ravenswood.....	W. W. Kelley.....	1	Elder.....	Ravenswood.....	"	"
88	Harrisville.....	M. McNeel.....	3	Elder.....	Harrisville.....	Ritchie.....	"
89	Elizabeth.....	H. J. Boatman.....	1	Deacon ..	Elizabeth.....	Wirt.....	"
90	Ellenboro.....	G. Crossfield.....	1	Elder.....	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
91	Burning Spring.....	J. Freeland.....	2	Elder.....	Burning Spring.....	Wirt.....	"
92	West Union.....	S. Lowther.....	1	Elder.....	West Union.....	Doddridge..	"
93	Sistersville.....	W. L. Hindman.....	1	Elder.....	Sistersville.....	Tyler.....	"
94	St. Mary's.....	J. T. Parks.....	1	Supply.....	St. Mary's.....	Wirt.....	"
95	Middlebourne.....	F. H. J. King.....	2	Elder.....	Middlebourne.....	Tyler.....	"
96	Centreville.....	R. S. Welch.....	1	Elder.....	Centreville.....	"	"
97	CHARLESTON DIST.	J. M. Powell, P. E.....	3	Elder.....	New Haven.....	Mason.....	"
98	" Station.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	2	Elder.....	Kanawha C. H.....	Kanawha ..	"
99	" Circuit.....	B. Hagar.....	1	Elder.....	Pocatalico.....	"	"
100	Nicholas.....	N. B. Beckley.....	2	Elder.....	Summersville.....	Nicholas.....	"
101	Mountain Cove.....	J. T. Davis.....	1	Deacon ..	Mountain Cove.....	Fayette.....	"
102	Malden ..	B. Darlington.....	1	Elder.....	Kn'wha Salines.....	Kanawha.....	"
103	Elk River.....	T. P. Ryan.....	2	On Trial	Clendennin.....	"	"
104	Mill Creek.....	J. W. Griffiths.....	3	Deacon ..	Fisher's Point.....	Jackson.....	"
105	Pt. Pleasant.....	G. C. Wilding.....	2	On Trial	Pt. Pleasant.....	Mason.....	"
106	Letart.....	F. A. Trippett.....	2	Deacon ..	Letart.....	"	"
107	Clifton.....	C. E. Manchester.....	3	Deacon ..	Clifton.....	"	"
108	Hartford City.....	S. E. Steele.....	1	Elder.....	Hartford City.....	"	"
109	Mason City.....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	1	Deacon ..	Mason City.....	"	"
110	Spencer.....	C. H. Lakin.....	2	Elder.....	Spencer.....	Roane.....	"
111	Bell Creek.....	E. D. W. King.....	1	On Trial	Big Sycamore.....	Clay.....	"
112	Calhoun.....	W. H. Shaw.....	1	Elder.....	Smithville.....	Roane.....	"
113	Arnoldsburg.....	B. Rogers.....	1	Supply.....	Arnoldsville.....	"	"
114	GUYANDOTTE DIST.	T. H. Trainer, P. E.....	1	Elder.....	Guyandotte.....	Cabell.....	"
115	" Station.....	M. W. Rider.....	2	Elder.....	"	"	"
116	Huntington.....	W. C. Griffith.....	1	Deacon ..	Huntington.....	"	"
117	Barboursville.....	G. E. Hite.....	1	Deacon ..	Barboursville.....	"	"
118	Wayne.....	A. T. Morriston.....	1	Deacon ..	"	"	"

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119	Ceredo.....	J. C. Sidebottom....	1	On Trial	Ceredo.....	Wayne.....	W. Va..
120	Monticello.....	J. L. Moses.....	12	Supply.....			
121	Winfield.....	N. L. Baumgardner	1	Elder.....	Winfield.....	Putnam....	
122	Hamlin.....	W. A. Cheuvront....	1	On Trial			
123	Coal River.....	V. Sanford.....	12	Elder.....			
124	St. Albans.....	W. L. Lewis.....	1	On Trial			
125	Boone.....	R. Brooks.....	1	Elder.....			
126	Logan and Sandy.....	J. W. Bedford.....	1	Supply.....			
127	Fayette.....	J. T. Carroll.....	1	Elder.....	Fayetteville.	Fayette.....	W. Va..
128	Mercer.....	W. Wristen.....	1	On Trial			
129	McDowell & Wyoming	G. W. Williams.....	1	On Trial			
130	Raleigh & Summers....	A. Workman.....	1	Supply.....			
131	" "	A. D. Perry.....	1	On Trial			

M. Allen, transferred to Des Moines Conference.
A. B. Rohrabough, to Central Illinois Conference.
J. P. Coleman, to Northwestern Iowa Conference.
S. W. Davis, to Pittsburgh Conference.
L. B. Carpenter, to Baltimore Conference.

QUES. 23.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

ANS.—Point Pleasant—Time to be announced in Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

Candidates for Admission on Trial—W. E. Loomis, M. W. Rider, J. W. Hess.

First Year—B. Darlington, G. Rogers, L. H. Jordan.

Second Year—E. C. Wayman, R. M. Wallace, N. D. Baumgardner.

Third Year—F. M. Hughes, N. C. Beckley, F. H. J. King.

Fourth Year—E. W. Ryan, A. J. Lyda, W. M. Mullenix.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—M. Dowler, C. A. Lakin, W. L. Hindman.

Local Preachers for Elder's Orders—V. Sanford, W. W. Kelley, J. Conwell.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—B. Ison.

Alternate.—T. B. Hughes.

To preach the Conference Sermon.—J. W. Webb.

Alternate.—T. M. Hartley.

Triers of Appeals.—J. W. W. Bolton, T. B. Hughes, J. M. Warden, J. L. Clark, J. Conwell, W. M. Mullenix, V. Sanford.

Conference Board of Church Extension.—President, F. Ball; Vice-President, C. D. Hubbard; Corresponding Secretary, A. J. Lyda; Recording Secretary, J. Bailie; Treasurer, J. Reed.

Additional Members.—D. H. K. Dix, C. Wilson, B. Davenport.

Conference Missionary Society.—President, J. J. Dolliver; Vice-President, R. M. Wallace; Secretary, C. E. Manchester; Assistant Secretary, C. S. Allemon; Treasurer, W. L. Hindman; Assistant Treasurer, W. E. Loomis; *Managers*, C. Conner, E. W. Ryan, J. M. Warden, J. P. Thatcher, L. H. Jordan.

Officers of Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.—President E. M. Ryan; Vice-Presidents, Miss Hattie Derring, Mrs. L. A. Hagans, Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Dr. Barnes, Miss Annie Whitten, Miss Fannie Slack, Mrs. Joseph Smith; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lizzie Boyd; Recording Secretary, Miss Mary Hallowell.

Officers of the Preachers Aid Society.—President, S. Steele; Vice-President, J. W. W. Bolton; Secretary, J. L. Clark; Treasurer, C. B. D. Prickett. *Managers*—E. C. Wayman, W. M. Mullenix, George Crossfield, A. Martin, P. W. Morgan, Benj. Davenport, Geo. C. Sturgiss, Henry Logan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Stewards Report.

WEST VA. ANNUAL CONFERENCE, FAIRMONT, March 13, 1874.

The Board of Stewards submit the following report, 1st:

Received on collection for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, as follows:

From Morgantown District.....	\$126 06
“ Wheeling “	339 80
“ Clarksburg “	86 85
“ Buckhannon “	32 28
“ Parkersburg “	56 07
“ Charleston “	97 37
“ Guyandotte “	30 90

Total from Circuits and Stations.....	\$769 33
From Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Interest of funds in the hands of S. Steele.....	6 50
“ “ “ “ “ W. M. Mullenix.....	11 00

Total Receipts.....\$816 83

Which has been applied as follows:

R. L. Brooks.....	\$100 00	A. Workman.....	\$ 20 00
A. Dixon.....	80 00	A. J. Morriston.....	40 00
F. Guthrie.....	110 00	G. H. Williams.....	20 00
Widow Warman.....	50 00	C. S. Allemong.....	20 00
“ Burns.....	25 00	S. D. Jones.....	35 00
“ Smith.....	10 33	Widow Blundon.....	75 00
“ Vandervort's children	30 00	“ Battelle.....	50 00
G. W. Matheney.....	40 00	“ Irwin.....	50 00
D. S. Benedum.....	40 00	N. B. Johnson.....	1 50
J. C. Sidebottom.....	20 00		

\$816 83

2nd. We would report the amount necessary for the support of Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers who

have died in the work, the ensuing year, at three thousand dollars, which amount has been apportioned among the several Districts, as follows :

Morgantown District.....	\$600 00	Parkersburg District.....	\$525 00
Wheeling “	750 00	Charleston “	300 00
Clarksburg “	375 00	Guyandotte “	225 00
Buckhannon “	225 00		
Total	\$3,000 00		

3d. No reports of any character have been presented to the Board from the following named appointments :

Swanton and Pleasant Grove.....	Morgantown District
Bridgeport.....	Clarksburg “
Phillipi, Beverly and Lewis.....	Buckhannon “
Mill Creek, Belle Creek and Arnoldsburg.....	Charleston “
Summers.....	Guyandotte “

While the Conference collections show some increase over last year the Board cannot feel satisfied that our people have come near to their duty in this respect, and would most earnestly urge upon the Preachers and Presiding Elders the most strenuous efforts to bring up this most important branch of Church duty and obligation.

The Board is of the opinion that the work of the Conference Stewards could be greatly facilitated by a little more system on the part of the Preachers in preparing their reports, and of the Presiding Elders on the first day of Conference in examining and correcting said reports. The following resolutions are proposed with this view :

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders shall hereafter submit in writing to the Board of Conference Stewards, at as early time as possible, at the Annual Conference, a report showing :

1st. The Claims and Receipts of both Presiding Elders and Preachers in their respective Districts, and with explanations as far as possible of the cause of any marked deficiency at any appointment.

2d. Any change or abandonment of appointments, and the name or names of Supplies.

3d. The circumstances of the necessitous cases, with such recommendations of relief as may be necessary.

4th. The Conference collections.

Your Board would suggest some better mode than at present prevails in obtaining information of the circumstances of the claimants on the Conference Fund, and ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter no money shall be remitted to claimants on the Conference Fund unless the Board of Stewards have such information in writing of the circumstances of said claimant as will warrant them in making the appropriation.

It will be observed that the House Rent has not been included in this report, as the reports from the various appointments on the subject have been so irregular that very little accurate information could be obtained from such sources.

B. DAVENPORT, *Secretary*.

G. CROSSFIELD, *Chairman*.

Report on Episcopal Fund.

Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund of the West Virginia Conference, March 13, 1874.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station.....	\$ 5 00	Newburg	\$ 3 65
" Circuit.....		Rowlesburg.....	1 00
Smithton.....	2 25	Evansville.....	2 00
Monongalia.....	4 53	Grafton.....	7 00
Brandonville.....	3 00	Knottsville and Fetterman...	2 00
Pleasant Hill.....	4 00	Palatine.....	4 00
Grantsville.....	1 00	St. George.....	2 00
Kingwood.....	10 50	Swanton.....	
Oakland.....	5 50		
			\$57 43

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, Fourth Street....	\$30 00	Woodland	\$
" North " 	3 00	Greene.....	2 00
" Thompson Church	3 00	Cameron.....	
" Zane Street		Grave Creek.....	2 00
" Chapline Street....	14 00	Dallas.....	4 00
" Wesley Church... ..	2 00	Short Creek and Liberty.....	5 00
Moundsville.....		Triadelphia.....	3 00
Marshall.....	4 00	Benwood	4 00
New Martinsville.....	3 00		
			\$79 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg Station.....	\$ 5 00	Fairmont.....	\$ 4 00
West Milford.....	5 00	Marion.....	4 75
Salem	1 35	Mannington.....	5 60
Smithton.....	4 00	Pine Grove	1 50
Lumberport.....	7 00	Blacksville.....	5 00
Pruntytown.....	3 40	Burton Mission.....	1 00
Bridgeport			
			\$47 60

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

Buckhannon Station.....	\$	Braxton.....	\$
" Circuit.....	7 00	Frenchton.....	1 25
Phillippi	2 60	Canaan.....	
Upshur		Weston.....	1 30
Beverly.....		Glenville	2 50
Webster.....		Lewis.....	
			\$15 15

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkersburg Station.....	\$ 8 78	Elizabeth.....	\$ 2 00
“ Circuit.....		Ellenboro.....	2 00
Williamstown Station.....		Burning Spring.....	2 50
“ Circuit.....		West Union.....	1 13
Volcano.....		Sistersville.....	1 75
Muraysville.....		Middlebourne.....	50
Ravenswood.....		Centreville.....	
Harrisville.....	8 00		
			\$27 65

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston Station.....	\$ 7 00	Point Pleasant.....	\$ 5 00
“ Circuit.....	5 00	Letart.....	2 00
Nicholas.....	4 00	Clifton.....	1 00
Mountain Cove.....	1 00	Hartford City.....	3 50
Raymond City.....	2 00	Spencer.....	6 00
Elk River.....	2 00	Bell Creek.....	
Mill Creek.....	1 10	Calhoun.....	1 00
			\$40 60

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte Station.....	\$	Coal River.....	\$
Huntington.....	2 75	Boone.....	
Barboursville.....	1 00	Logan.....	
Wayne.....	1 00	Fayette.....	1 10
Sandy.....		Mercer.....	
Winfield.....		McDowell and Wyoming.....	
Monticello.....		Raleigh.....	
Hamline.....		Summers.....	
			\$5 85

RECAPITULATION.

Morgantown District.....	\$57 43
Wheeling “.....	79 00
Clarksburg “.....	47 60
Buckhannon “.....	15 15
Parkersburg “.....	27 65
Charleston “.....	40 60
Guyandotte “.....	5 85

\$273 29

Report on Education.

In connection with the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences our own also is concerned in the patronage and control of Allegheny College. Many of its alumni are within our bounds and elsewhere all over our country and our world laboring for God and humanity. We rejoice through the Annual Report of the Trustees, signed by N. Norton and G. W. Clark, to hear of its continued and increasing prosperity. Our warmest sympathies cluster around it, and our earnest prayer is that in the hand of God this honorable, distinguished, and, except one, the *oldest* American Methodist College, may worthily continue the noble record of the past. We respond

to the well-deserved tribute paid by the Trustees to the character and labors of Rev. Geo. Loomis, D.D., the retiring President. His administration covers an eventful and successful period in the history of the institution, and we trust that Divine Providence may direct the authorities in the selection and appointment of one who receiving this great trust from his hand will carry it on to even larger results.

Resolved, 1. That W. M. Mullenix, J. W. W. Bolton, E. W. Ryan, G. W. Atkinson and Geo. C. Sturgiss, be appointed to represent us on the Board of Control.

Resolved, 2. That the above named brethren also act as a visiting committee.

Resolved, 3. That inasmuch as the communication from President Loomis, recommending a change in the charter of Allegheny College was not received at the session of our last annual Conference until the hour of adjournment, and consequently too late for action, the above named brethren be authorized to act on our behalf in this matter, as on consultation with other members of the Board of Control they may deem best.

II. GENERAL EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

Your committee are glad to believe and report that notwithstanding many and great hindrances, the interests of education in West Virginia, as represented in the State University, the Wheeling Female College, the Normal and other intermediate and high schools, as well as the commanding interests of free school education are still on the advance. We earnestly exhort our friends and members to do all in their power to promote and encourage the efficiency and success of all our institutions of learning.

III. A CONFERENCE SEMINARY.

There are reasons too numerous to mention why we should take into consideration the propriety of establishing one or more Conference Seminaries within our bounds. In other days the most flourishing Academy in West Virginia was under the patronage of this body, accomplishing a great work in behalf of education. The same and even a far grander work could under the same auspices be accomplished under the more favorable circumstances of the present. It has been intimated to a member of this Conference that a gentleman residing at the Capital of the State is ready to make over to the Conference a most liberal grant of buildings, grounds and money if the Conference will undertake to organize and support a Seminary in that section. We doubt not others would unite with him in the same liberal spirit. We also would respectfully suggest the reorganization of the Academy in Clarksburg, or, if the Trustees decline to act, then the establishment of a Conference Seminary wherever the most favorable opening may present itself in the northwestern part of the State.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of Charleston and Guyandotte Districts and the preachers in Charge of Charleston Station, together with Philip W. Morgan and G. W. Atkinson, and the Presiding Elders of Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Buckhannon Districts, and the preachers in charge of those stations, be a committee on behalf of this Conference to receive, consider, and if the way be entirely clear, act on a proposition or propositions such as above suggested, and report to this Conference at its next session.

EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

The West Virginia Educational Society is regularly incorporated by the Legislature of West Virginia, and belongs to this Conference. It is authorized to receive, receipt for and expend gifts and bequests on behalf of education. We believe its claims should be brought more fully before our people. The collections this year amount to \$53 72. The month of June is the time designated for this collection, and we trust the recommendations of the Discipline will be attended to until our hills and valleys are radiant with the light of knowledge and salvation.

Report of the Committee on the Centenary Fund,

Held Jointly by the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences.

The Centenary Fund business between the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Annual Conferences, referred to your Committee for settlement, has not yet been brought to a close. There has been no meeting of the committees appointed by the Conferences, as things were not in a state for final settlement. A correspondence was carried on between some of the members of the joint committees, which has resulted in obtaining the following information upon the subject:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVISION OF CENTENARY SUPERANNUATED FUND, MARCH, 1873.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of the division of the funds held by the Centenary Board for the benefit of the Superannuated Preachers of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conference, respectfully report—

That at the division of the Pittsburgh Conference, and formation of the West Virginia Conference in 1848, the report of the Centenary Board shows that there was invested for Superannuated Preachers the sum of \$3,500.

At the time of the separation it was agreed that for the present no division of the funds should be made, but that the annual proceeds should be divided between the Conferences in the ratio of the number of members then in full connection in each Conference, viz: of 185 parts, (the total membership) giving to the Pittsburgh Conference 155 parts and the West Virginia 30 parts.

In accordance with this arrangement a portion of the proceeds was regularly transmitted to the West Virginia Conference until the Conference of 1864, inclusive, after which the proceeds were sent only to the Pittsburgh Conference.

Of the funds in trust for these Conferences in the event of their division on the basis of their agreement for the distribution of the annual proceeds, there would fall to the share of the Pittsburgh Conference \$2,932 18, and to the share of the West Virginia Conference \$557 82; being the total of \$3,500.

Equity would seem also to require that there should be paid to West Virginia Conference the sum total of this share, and the dividends accruing upon it since 1864, which, inclusive of the present year up to the session of the Conference, would be nine years.

Taking as a basis for calculation the average proceeds transmitted to West Virginia Conference from year to year, the amount for accrued dividends would be \$209 15, making a total due West Virginia of \$776 97.

Of the original funds held in trust for the Conferences, \$3,000 had been loaned to the Trustees of Wesley Chapel, Pittsburgh, the Church property being security for the same, and so remaining invested at the separation of the Conferences.

At the Pittsburgh Conference held at Monongahela City in 1857, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we authorize the Centenary Board to accept the interest in Wesley Chapel in the graveyard and release the Church.

"At the succeeding session of the Conference the Centenary Board reported that the transfer had been legally effected, and that the Trustees of Wesley Chapel had been released of all obligation for the loan, their interest in the graveyard having been transferred, and accepted as complete satisfaction for it.

"When at length the graveyard had been filled it ceased to be productive and was closed, streets having been projected by the city of Pittsburgh, which were required to be opened through the grounds, steps were taken to remove the bodies and to effect the sale of the property. Three Commissioners were appointed to represent the parties in interest, viz: P. R. Kincaid, on behalf of Liberty Street Church; Richard Parker, on behalf of Smithfield street, and Wm. Vankirk, on behalf of the Centenary Board, and these employed as counsel J. W. F. White, Esq., under whose advice they acted. The necessary legislation for the removal of the bodies and sale of the ground was obtained, and the ground was sold for \$20,000. Of this sum a large part, said to be some \$9,000, was expended in opening and paving streets and other expenses; and meantime claims were made by the lot holders, which led to protracted legislation, and the present status of the case is that there yet remains an unexpended balance of some \$500 or \$600 awaiting the action of the courts at law to determine whether it shall be distributed to the lot-holders, or to the parties in interest, viz: Liberty Street Church, Smithfield Street Church and the Centenary Board. A full statement of this entire transaction should be, and doubtless will be, presented to the Conference by the Centenary Board as soon after the adjudication by the Courts as possible.

"This, however, can have no further relation to the claims of the West Virginia Conference, inasmuch as the action of the Pittsburgh Conference without concurrence of West Virginia Conference in transferring, and thus in effect vitiating the security of the funds, clearly makes the Pittsburgh Conference responsible to the West Virginia Conference for its proportion of the funds held by the Centenary Fund Society. At its last session the West Virginia Conference continued the committee already appointed by it to attend to the matter of the division of the funds, and your committee would respectfully request that such power may be given as to complete at an early day the transfer of the funds upon the basis of the original agreement adopted by the Conference in joint session July 10, 1848, as shown by the report of the committee of that date, of which John Spencer was chairman."

"The following resolution, passed by the Conference, was handed to the Committee:"

Resolved, That the Centenary Committee be requested to ascertain what proportion, if any, of the Superannuated funds belong in equity to the West Virginia Conference, and if possible so divide the same as to give that Conference possession of the same.

"It is now some eight years since the West Virginia Conference has received any part of these funds.

"In 1848, after the West Virginia Conference was constituted by the General Conference, both Conferences met in Wheeling, when and where a mutual contract was entered into that the funds then invested for Conference claimants should be divided between the two Conferences—allowing West Virginia Conference thirty claimants to one hundred and fifty-five claimants in our Conference.

"For several years the funds were divided on the above basis. So we are bound by precedent, contract and equity, to divide the inheritance with our beloved brethren among the great and glorious hills of West Virginia.

Resolved, 1. That it is the sense of this Conference that the West Virginia Conference is justly entitled to receive her *pro rata* share of all the funds vested for Conference claimants up to 1848.

Resolved, 2. That we direct our Centenary Board to take measures to ascertain and pay over to the West Virginia Conference her share of these funds.

Resolved, 3. That we appoint J. Horner, R. Hamilton, W. R. Locke and J. Coil to confer with the Centenary Board in carrying out the above resolutions."

On the Observance of the Sabbath.

WHEREAS, The proper observance of the Sabbath is one of the earliest and most constantly enjoined duties contained in the Holy Scriptures, and it is also proved by all history to lie at the very foundation of social and personal prosperity.

Resolved, 1. That we deplore the loose and indifferent sense of obligation upon the subject existing in very many localities, and often among those who are very scrupulous in regard to other matters.

Resolved, 2. That in our judgment, the Legislature of the State should prohibit by efficient law, all kinds of traffic and trade upon the Sabbath, and all manner of labor forbidden in the Word of God, whether it pertains to the opening of stores for business, or in running of rail-road trains, carrying freight through the State, or any other evil properly a matter of legislation.

Resolved, 3. Every effort should be put forth by the Church to stop the practice of fishing, hunting, pleasure seeking, &c., which are believed to be common on the Sabbath in many places.

Resolved, 4. That as ministers we should publicly enforce, in our fields of labor, the importance of keeping the Sabbath day holy.

On the Use of Tobacco.

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is, to say the least, a useless habit and contrary to the dignity and purity of ministerial character; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the members of West Virginia Conference, will constantly endeavor to curtail its use both by our precept and example.

Resolved, 2. That we re-affirm the resolution already upon our record relating to this subject.

N. B. The previous action of the Conference is to the effect that no one who uses tobacco in any form shall be admitted to membership or received on trial in the Conference.

On Temperance.

WHEREAS, We are assured by Scripture, history and experience that the use of ardent spirits, as a beverage, is destructive of human happiness, and the liquor traffic generally productive of untold misery and evil; and

WHEREAS, Actual statistics fully sustain the above declaration, in so much as there is in the United States, annually spent for liquor by wholesale, the sum of \$1,487,000,000; which is retailed to 5,600,000 drinkers for the sum of \$2,575,000,000. It is estimated that there are 400,000 more persons engaged in the liquor business than in preaching the Gospel and in teaching school. From its effects annually, there are 100,000 sent to prison, 150,000 to drunkards' graves, and 200,000 children are reduced to absolute want; and

WHEREAS, All former efforts and temperance organizations have been only partially successful, but have paved the way for the great and spiritual crusade against the demon of intemperance sweeping over our nation, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That we reaffirm as emphatically as ever our devotion to the great cause of temperance, believing it to be the cause of God and humanity.

2d. That this new movement so lately but gloriously developed and now spreading all over our land, called the "Woman's Crusade against Whisky," has in it the true elements of success, viz: Christian people thoroughly aroused, lifting frequent prayers to God, and depending upon His guidance and grace to assist them.

3d. That we are in perfect harmony and hearty sympathy with this heroic work of the ladies of our nation; and as Methodists, as Christians, as ministers of the gospel of Christ, we hereby pledge ourselves, unreservedly to stand by the noble workers in this battle for God and the right until every grog shop in our little mountain State is closed, and we can truly say, "Mountaineers are free."

On Periodicals.

The Committee on Claims of the Book Concern and Periodicals present the following report:

We are happy to report that no unsettled claims were presented against any member of this Conference.

The financial exhibits of the New York and Western Book Concern so far as we are capable of judging show them to be in a prosperous condition.

The exhibit of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* is not so large as it was last year. We are informed, however, that the subscription list is increasing and promises to reach the maximum of last year. The committee would earnestly recommend renewed efforts on the part of the preachers to increase the subscription list of our Conference paper, so well deserving our hearty support and co-operation.

On Tract Cause.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report the whole amount contributed by the Conference for the year just closed to be \$138 50, an advance over last year of \$43 72.

On Church Extension.

The Conference Board present the following as their report. The Parent Board last year assessed the sum of \$500 on our Conference, on which \$186 78 has been collected, leaving a deficit of \$313 22, which must be deducted from the \$1,500 allowed us by the Parent Board.

Resolved, 1. That the Presiding Elders see that the District Stewards, at their first meeting, divide among their different appointments the entire amount assigned to their respective districts.

Resolved, 2. That all Church Extension collections be taken on or before November 15th, and reported immediately to the Treasurer at Wheeling.

On Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.

WHEREAS, The Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union has been constituted an auxiliary of the Methodist Episcopal Church by the General Conference; and,

WHEREAS, The work contemplated by this Society is of the greatest importance, and one to which our Christian women are peculiarly fitted; and,

WHEREAS, Similar organizations have been established in thirty-one of our principal Conferences; therefore,

Resolved, That we organize a Conference Society under the Constitution of the Board.

On Freedmens' Aid Society.

We consider the Freedmens' Aid Society worthy the sympathy and support of every intelligent mind, and are glad to discover, from a large increase in the collections, that the ministers and members of our Church, are persevering in their efforts to aid the interests of the Society.

The following table shows the amounts received from the several districts:

Morgantown, 13 appts.....	\$21 85
Wheeling, 6 "	31 35
Clarksburg, 9 "	13 40
Buckhannon, 3 "	2 30
Parkersburg, 5 "	4 85
Charleston, 7 "	8 00

Total.....\$81 75

The committee would submit for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That we urge the claims of the Freedmen's Aid Society as far as practicable in every charge.

On Sunday Schools.

The amount of money in the hands of your Committee is \$114 07. Some increase over last year.

It is gratifying to know that there has been, during the past few years, increasing interest in the Sunday School department of our church; there is still room for improvement, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, advise as a means of increasing the S. S. interest, all our Sunday Schools to patronize our Sunday School Union in the purchase of books and periodicals, to adopt the Berean lessons, and further to put forth greater efforts to raise funds to sustain our Union.

On Bible Cause.

Among the instrumentalities designed to better the condition of our race, none holds a higher rank, or claims more of our affection, than the Bible Cause. Its success is a subject of profound gratitude. That noble institution, the American Bible Society, merits our earnest support. What a sublime faith is that which pronounces the Bible to be the best expounder of its own precious truths, and the most convincing champion of its own genuineness and authenticity. The circulation of the wondrous book, without note or comment, among all peoples and in every tongue, is the great aim of the association that has, for more than half a century, been publishing the Sacred Scriptures.

More than ever should all Christian hearts give their prayers and money to aid this work. If there are times more perilous to the truth than others, these are the days when a corrupt but seductive literature, when certain scientific schools cultivated but bewildering, and when a specious and arrogant theological dogmatism, speaking the great swelling word of "infallibility," are all alluring men away from the faith once delivered to the saints.

Resolved, therefore, That we will permit no abatement in our interest in the Bible Cause, and that we will show our interest by urging our pastors to give liberally to its support by an annual contribution.

Resolved, further, That we herewith express our gratitude to the American Bible Society for its liberal grants, the past year, of Bibles to churches, Sunday Schools and destitute persons.

Resolved, That we will extend a cordial welcome to the District Superintendent of the Society for the State of West Virginia within the limits of our several charges.

Secretarys' Annual Report.

The Secretary of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church makes the following report :

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES.

Balance due the Secretary from last year.....	\$	93	
On Conference Trunk to and from Conference.....		1	25
Envelopes for collections, expressage, &c.....		5	40
Envelopes, postage, &c., on Secretarys' business.....		1	58
Paper.....			55
Expressage on Misssionary Certificates.....		1	10
			\$10 81

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Collection at Conference.....	10 81
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PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

Frew, Hagans & Hall, for publishing the Minutes.....	\$196 00
Postage.....	17 26
	\$213 26

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Subscriptions by preachers to publish Minutes.....	\$114 00
From advertisements.....	79 00
From New York Book Concern, for publishing exhibit..	15 00
	\$208 00
Deficit.....	
	\$5 26

Report on the Case of A. Stevens.

We, the committee appointed to investigate the charge against Rev. Asbury Stevens, do not find the evidence sufficient to sustain the specifications, and we recommend that his character pass.

E. W. RYAN,
J. M. WARDEN,
S. HITCHENS,
J. W. HESS,
W. C. SNODGRASS,
Committee.

A. L. WADE, *Secretary.*

MORGANTOWN, WEST VA., December 9, 1873.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Presiding Elders find them correct.

Report on the Decease of Rev. G. W. Richmond, D.D.

WHEREAS, Intelligence has just reached us by telegraph (March 16th, 10 A. M.) that our beloved brother G. W. Richmond had passed from labor to reward this morning in great peace, and inasmuch as we have not time to prepare a suitable memoir of our deceased brother before the close of our Session, we present the following:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Wheeling District, all the stationed Preachers in Wheeling, and others who can attend the funeral are invited to do so on behalf of the Conference.

The committee will prepare a suitable Memoir for publication in the Minutes of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That all resolutions offered to this Conference must be presented in writing, and all reports and resolutions must be duplicated.

Resolved, That any member of the Conference, who absents himself from the Annual Session of Conference for two successive years, unless hindered by sickness or other unavoidable circumstance, be required to give satisfactory reason before his character is passed.

Resolved, That all preachers who cannot attend the sessions of our Conference are hereby required to place in the hands of their Presiding Elders all the Conference reports, carefully prepared.

Resolved, That our Secretary be requested to obtain from the Journal and Record Books of the Pittsburgh Conference, a copy of all the proceedings relating to the West Virginia Conference at its first session held jointly with the Pittsburgh Conference at Wheeling, July 1848.

WHEREAS, The special transfer of ministers from other Conferences to fill appointments in our Conference is on the increase, and if continued will, in the course of time, destroy the *esprit de corps* and efficiency of our Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly request our Bishops not to make special transfers to our Conference unless in such case there is a corresponding transfer from our Conference of a member equal in standing to the member transferred to us.

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Conference be requested to send a copy of the Resolutions on Special Transfers to each of our Bishops and the Secretary of the Board of Bishops.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Mannington Circuit has authorized the Trustees of the Church at Farmington to exchange said property for the school property at Farmington; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the West Virginia Annual Conference consent to the exchange and transfer of said property.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference concur in and confirm the action of the Quarterly Conference of Parkersburg Station in the sale and disposal of the old church property in the city of Parkersburg.

Resolved, That we will take up collections in our several charges to aid in the education of young men of piety and talent, who are believed by the Church, to be called to the work of the ministry, and who need aid; also to aid our brethren, with scanty means and large families, to educate their children. Said collections to be paid to our Conference Educational Society.

Resolved, That our thanks are due the presiding Bishop for the courtesy with which he has discharged his official duties among us, and that our veneration and affection for him, prompt us to pray that his path may continue to be like that of the just that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. J. L. Clark and his Assistants for their efficient services as Secretaries.

Resolved, That this Conference highly appreciating the valuable services rendered to the Church by the retiring Presiding Elders, Bros. J. W. Webb, B. Ison and D. H. K. Dix, assure them of the continued confidence of their brethren of the Conference, and good wishes for their present and eternal welfare.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be and are hereby tendered to our sister Churches for the use of their houses of worship during the session of our Conference.

Resolved, 1. That our thanks as a Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Fairmont and Palatine, for their hospitality given us during the present session of our Conference.

Resolved, 2. That our thanks are also due to the B. & O. R. R. for returning the members of this Conference free.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Preachers' Aid Society of West Va. Annual Conference.

ADOPTED MARCH 14, 1874.

ARTICLE I.—*Title.*

This Association shall be called The Preachers Aid Society of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—*Object.*

The Object of this Association shall be to aid in the support of the Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers of the West Virginia Annual Conference, and of the widows and orphans of deceased Preachers of said Conference, such Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers, or such deceased Preachers (at the time of their death) being members of the Society; *Provided*, That should any member of this Society take a Supernumerary or Superannuated relation for any other reason than a failure of health or inability to discharge the effective service of the Church, he shall not be entitled to any claim upon the fund thereof. This Article shall be interpreted by a strict construction of the law of the Discipline in regard to the relations therein specified.

ARTICLE III.—*Terms of Membership.*

An initiation fee of three dollars, and the annual payment thereafter of five dollars, shall constitute a member, such payment to be made at the annual meeting of the Society. *Provided*, That the person so contributing be, at the time of uniting with the Society, a member or a probationer of the West Virginia Annual Conference, and regularly employed in the effective work of the M. E. Church, any such person must be a member of the Society at least three full years from the time of joining it before he can be entitled to any dividends. Supernumerary or Superannuated Preachers shall not become members of this Society unless duly elected by a two-thirds vote of all the members present and voting at the annual meeting of the Society. The initiation fee and annual dues of such person shall be the same as those of an effective man. But a person Superannuated or Supernumerary at the time of joining the Society, shall not be entitled to any benefits or dividends until he shall have been a member at least five full years from the time of connecting himself with it. In no case shall a dividend be declared in favor of a member who is in arrears on the annual subscription. The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute any person an honorary member.

ARTICLE IV.—*Officers.*

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and eight Managers, four of whom shall be laymen. These officers shall constitute the Board of Control. They shall be elected annually by the Society at the annual meeting. They shall receive no compensation for their services. The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bond each in the sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of their duties.

ARTICLE V.—*Meetings.*

The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the Saturday evening of the session of the Annual Conference. The Board of Control shall meet on the evening of the first day of the session of the Annual Conference and shall continue to meet from time to time until the business is all completed, provided such meetings shall close by the adjournment of Conference.

ARTICLE VI.—*Dividends.*

The funds for distribution, of this Society, shall consist of interest on stock and one-half of the annual fees of the members. The basis of dividends shall be the aggregate amount of claims reported by the estimating committees of quarterly Conferences in the cases of all who are members of this Society and entitled to its benefits. But where for any cause an estimating committee has failed to send up its report to the Annual Conference the Board of Control shall determine the amount of claim. If there shall not be enough money in hand and available to meet the entire amount of claim, the dividend shall be *pro rata*.

ARTICLE VII.—*Funds.*

Funds to carry out the object of this Society shall be obtained in the following manner, to-wit: By donations from and bequests of benevolent persons. It therefore shall be the duty of every member of the Society to solicit donations and bequests. Such sum shall be promptly forwarded to the Secretary of this Association; also, by fines and one-half of the annual subscriptions of the members. These funds, viz: All donations, all bequests, all fines (except those mentioned in Article X) and one-half of all the annual subscriptions shall be invested by the Board of Control, the principal of which shall in no case be touched for distribution among claimants.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Neglect of Annual Subscription.*

Any member neglecting to pay the annual subscription shall be fined \$1 50 for each neglect, which fine shall be disposed of according to Article VII. If this neglect be continued for three years in succession, he shall be regarded no longer as a member of this Society, and shall forfeit all the moneys he has paid into the fund.

ARTICLE IX.—*Arrears of Dividends.*

If any member or beneficiary of this Society neglect to apply for his dividend within thirty days after notification by the Secretary, he shall

not be entitled at any subsequent period, to the dividend so neglected. It shall be regarded as the property of the Society and shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE X.—*Death of a Member.*

Upon the death of a member of this Society it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify each member of the Association, who shall, within thirty days after receiving such notice, remit to the Secretary the sum of ten dollars, to be applied to the benefit of the family or representatives of such deceased member. This amount may be collected from the people or be paid by the member receiving such notice. Should any member fail to remit such sum, he shall be cited to appear before the Board of Control at its annual meeting, and if sufficient reason be not given for non-compliance with provisions of this Article, he shall be fined five dollars, which fine shall be applied to the benefit of the deceased member's family or representatives. If he refuse or fail to pay this fine within thirty days of its imposition, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall forfeit all moneys paid by him into the fund.

ARTICLE XI.—*Widows and Children.*

The widow of a deceased member of this Society shall have a full claim upon the dividends thereof during the continuance of her widowhood; *Provided*, That she continue the payment of the annual fee of five dollars and be subject to all the provisions of this Constitution, her claim to be estimated according to the plan of the Discipline of the M. E. Church. Children whose parents are both dead shall be entitled to the full amount of their parents dividends up to the age of twenty-one, less the annual fee of five dollars, and any fees resulting from the decease of a member of the Association.

ARTICLE XII.—*Death before an Annual Payment.*

Should a member of this Society die before making payment of two years' dues besides his initiation fee, his family will be deprived of all interest in the funds of the Society, and any amount that he has paid into the treasury shall be returned to his representatives, but the burial fund provided for in Article X of this Constitution, shall be raised for the benefit of his family or representatives.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Removal from the Conference.*

If any member of this Society, who has not been at any time a beneficiary, shall be expelled from the Conference, or any member voluntarily withdrawing from the Conference shall not be entitled to receive back any part of the moneys previously paid by him into the fund, nor shall he derive any interest from the invested capital of the Association. Any member located without his consent shall be entitled to receive back his moneys, (provided he has not been a beneficiary,) without interest, as in the case of a member expelled from the Conference. But any member locating of his own accord shall be held as voluntarily withdrawing from the Conference, and shall not receive anything back or derive any interest from the fund. If a member be transferred to another Conference he may continue his membership by complying with the provisions of this Constitution, and shall reap all the benefits of the Society as if still a member of the West Virginia Conference.

ARTICLE XIV.—*Division of the Society.*

Should this Society be divided by a division of the West Virginia Annual Conference into two or more Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, then there shall be a *pro rata* division of the funds thereof.

ARTICLE XV.—*Dissolution of the Society.*

If at any time this Society should be so diminished as not to be able to answer all the purposes intended by this Constitution, it shall not be lawful for the members by any rule, order or regulation, at any general meeting or otherwise to dissolve or determine such Society so long as the interests and purposes herein declared, or any of them, remain to be carried into effect, without the consent of five-sixths of the then existing members, to be testified under their hands individually and respectively, and this only after all the then existing members shall have been notified to appear for the consideration of such proposed dissolution of the Society, but in case the Society should be dissolved, all the funds in possession of the Society shall be turned over to the Annual Conference that the proceeds may be disbursed by the Board of Stewards.

ARTICLE XVI.—*Altering the Constitution.*

All propositions to alter or amend this Constitution must be submitted in writing at an annual meeting of the Society, and shall not be acted on until the next annual meeting thereafter. A vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, shall be necessary to make the proposed alteration or amendment. Within thirty days after such action, the Secretary shall notify any members who were not present of the same.

BY-LAWS.

1. All meetings of the Society shall be opened with religious exercises.
2. The following shall be the order of business : 1. Reports from the Board of Control, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Investing Committee. 2. Annual subscriptions paid in. 3. Call for donations or bequests. 4. New members received. 5. Officers elected for the ensuing year. 6. Miscellaneous business.
3. The rules ordinarily observed by deliberative bodies shall as far as applicable regulate the debates of the Society and of the Board of Control.
4. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society or of the Board of Control, in his absence the Vice-President shall preside, in the absence of both a President *pro tempore* shall be appointed.
5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Control, give notice of all meetings, of all deaths, of all alterations of the Constitution, receive all moneys due the Society, and pay the same to the Treasurer taking his receipt for the same, preserve all papers belonging to the Association, conduct its correspondence, and perform any other duties which may be demanded of him.

6. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary and shall disburse the funds of the Society as the Board of Control may direct. He shall not at any time make any disposition of said funds except by order of the Board signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, which signatures shall be his vouchers.

7. Five members of the Board of Control shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, which shall be brought forward in the following order: 1. Roll call. 2. Minutes of the preceding meeting read. 3. Reports from Treasurer. 4. Reports from committees. 5. Reports from committee on claimants. 6. Reports from committee on disbursement of dividends. 7. Appointment of Committees. 8. Other business.

8. The Board shall appoint annually the following Committees: 1. Committee on investment of funds. 2. Committee on claimants and disbursement of dividends. 3. Committee on annual report to be made to the Society. 4. Committee to audit the Secretary's and Treasurer's financial accounts.

9. All propositions to amend these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing, and it shall require a three-fourths vote of the members present, and voting at the annual meeting of the Society to adopt them.

Officers of the Preachers' Aid Society of the West Va. Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

<i>President,</i>	.	.	.	.	S. STEELE.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. W. W. BOLTON.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	J. L. CLARK.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	S. B. D. PRICKITT.

MANAGERS.

E. C. WAYMAN,	P. W. MORGAN,
W. M. MULLENIX,	B. DAVENPORT,
G. CROSSFIELD,	G. C. STURGISS,
A. MARTIN,	HENRY LOGAN.

MEMBERS.

S. Steele, J. W. W. Bolton, J. L. Clark, S. B. D. Prickitt, W. M. Mullenix, Dr. A. Martin, Dr. G. Martin, W. H. Morton, G. Crossfield, J. A. Fullerton, E. W. Ryan, H. C. Sanford, R. Northcraft, C. E. Manchester, C. Conner, N. C. Beckley, J. T. Davis, D. H. K. Dix, E. C. Wayman, J. J. Dolliver, G. W. Matheney, J. M. Powell, J. S. Freeland, S. Lowther, S. Hitchens, T. M. Hartley, J. Conwell, S. King, W. L. Hindman, J. T. McCartney, J. P. Thatcher, R. S. Welch, J. M. Warden, T. H. Trainer, J. W. Webb.

Stewards' Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the year ending March, 1874.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference collections.	Parsonages.
	Names.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
MORGANTOWN DIST.							
Morgantown District.....	J. W. Webb, P. E.....	\$ 1,170 00	\$1,174 50				P
" Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 19 00	P
" Circuit.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	750 00	657 00	80 80	80 00	75	P
Smithtown.....	J. W. Hess.....	450 00	396 21	50 00	50 00	3 35	
".....	W. H. Satterfield.....	60 00	49 90				
Monongalia.....	J. M. Warden.....	800 00	720 00	90 00	90 00	10 00	P
".....	D. Tasker.....	175 00	157 50				
Brandonville.....	G. Crossfield.....	500 00	500 00	80 00	80 00	8 75	P
".....	N. B. Johnson.....	100 00	100 00	80 00	81 50		
Pleasant Hill.....	J. G. Weaver.....	500 00	500 00	50 00	50 00	5 00	
Grantsville.....	W. J. Sharpes.....	515 00	540 00	65 00	65 00	3 00	
Kingwood.....	W. C. Griffith.....	650 00	577 20	90 00	90 00	21 80	P
".....	J. Lee.....	200 00	177 60				
Oakland.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	825 00	825 00	80 00	80 00	16 50	P
".....	E. A. Johnson.....						
Newburg.....	W. E. Snodgrass.....	725 00	725 00	40 00	43 00	4 00	
Rowlesburg.....	T. R. Faulkner.....	300 00	287 50	50 00	50 00	4 15	
Evansville.....	J. R. Fullerton.....	700 00	700 00	80 00	80 00	10 00	P
Grafton.....	S. E. Steele.....	820 00	825 00	65 00	65 00	11 46	P
Knottsville & Fetterman.....	C. J. Trippett.....	400 00	355 10	60 00	60 00	75	P
".....	G. Hite.....	175 00	159 95				
Palatine.....	W. H. Young.....	500 00	500 00	60 00	60 00	6 00	
St. George.....	T. W. Chidester.....	471 00	371 00	50 00	50 00	1 50	
		\$10,616 00	\$10,123 96	\$ 1,170 00	\$1,174 50	\$ 126 06	8
WHEELING DIST.							
Wheeling District.....	F. Ball, P. E.....	\$ 1,276 50	\$1,269 50				
Fourth Street.....	L. B. Carpenter.....	2,500 00	\$2,500 00	\$ 242 00	\$ 242 00	\$ 160 00	P
North Street.....	G. W. Richmond.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	71 50	71 50	12 60	P
Thomson Church.....	G. Martin.....	900 00	900 00	66 00	66 00	26 00	P
Zane Street.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	121 00	121 00	19 50	
Chapline Street.....	J. R. Thompson.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	100 00	100 00	50 00	P
Wesley Church.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1,000 00	946 78	44 00	44 00	2 00	
Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	800 00	888 00	77 00	77 00	6 00	P
Marshall.....	T. H. Trainer.....	800 00	755 90	77 00	68 00	20 00	
".....	Wilbur Baggs, 3mo.....		36 55	30 00	30 00	5 00	
New Martinsville.....	C. H. Conway.....	300 00	300 00	30 00	30 00		
Woodland.....	G. W. Parrott.....	300 00	250 00	50 00	50 00	2 00	
Greene.....	E. E. Woodruff.....	400 00	346 75	44 00	44 00	4 00	
Cameron.....	H. C. Sanford.....	700 00	619 00	77 00	77 00	2 00	
Grave Creek.....	D. Cool.....	600 00	600 00				
".....	H. Riggs.....	175 00	175 00	71 00	71 00	2 70	
Dallas.....	R. Northcraft.....	550 00	525 00	66 00	66 00	13 00	P
Short Creek & Liberty.....	L. H. Jordan.....	700 00	660 00				
Triadelphia.....	S. King.....	600 00	600 00	66 00	66 00	5 00	P
Benwood.....	L. L. Stewart.....	600 00	600 00	44 00	44 00	10 00	
		\$13,925 00	\$13,614 98	\$ 1,276 50	\$1,267 50	\$ 339 80	7
CLARKSBURG DIST.							
Clarksburg District.....	A. Hall, P. E.....	\$ 925 00	\$ 881 55				
" Station.....	J. L. Clark.....	700 00	700 00	\$ 65 00	\$ 65 00	\$ 20 00	
West Milford.....	E. S. Wilson.....	650 00	598 29	135 00	128 10	6 25	P
".....	H. H. Westwood.....	200 00	183 95				
".....	J. W. Huggins.....	200 00	183 95				
Salem.....	C. Conner.....	500 00	421 50	45 00	45 00	1 10	P
Smithton.....	R. S. Welch.....	400 00	400 00	45 00	45 00		
Lumberport.....	W. D. Carrio.....	500 00	379 25	80 00	80 00		
Pruntytown.....	W. F. Cannon.....	600 00	480 00	95 00	95 00	20 00	
".....	R. T. Vanmeter.....	150 00	120 00				
Bridgeport.....	S. Harris.....			35 00	35 00		
Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickitt.....	600 00	600 00	65 95	65 00	18 00	P
Marion.....	W. L. Hindman.....	650 00	473 75	95 00	69 25	2 00	P
Mannington.....	R. M. Wallace.....	700 00	605 54	95 00	88 00	9 00	P
Pine Grove.....	G. W. McClelland.....	300 00	262 78	45 00	42 20	5 15	
Blacksville.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	825 00	676 57	90 00	89 00	4 35	
Burton Mission.....	J. D. Woods.....	235 00	150 00	35 00	35 00		
		\$7,210 00	\$6,235 58	\$ 925 00	\$ 881 55	\$ 85 85	5

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference collections.	Parsonages.
	Names.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
BUCKHANNON DIST.							
Buckhannon District.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	\$ 1,000 00	\$1,000 00				
" Station.....	F. M. Hughes.....	600 00	\$ 600 00	\$ 70 00	\$ 70 00	\$ 5 41	P
" Circuit.....	G. Rogers.....	550 00	550 00	80 00	80 00	10 12	
Phillippi.....	J. Conwell.....						P
Upshur.....	S. S. Laughlin.....	460 00	460 00	75 00	75 00	50	
Beverly.....	H. Foggy.....						
Webster.....	— Hundley.....	150 00	68 25				
Braxton.....	A. Mick.....	375 00	353 35	80 00	80 00		
*Frenchton.....	L. D. Casto.....	650 00	665 00	85 00	81 00	3 00	P
Canaan.....	J. C. Rexroad.....	188 00	174 07	50 00	50 00	2 00	
Weston.....	J. T. McCartney.....	600 00	600 00	75 00	75 00	1 25	P
Glenville.....	W. E. Lovett.....	600 00	600 00	70 00	70 00	1 00	
Freemansburg.....	J. A. Williams.....	325 00	325 00	50 00	50 00	1 00	
Lewis.....							
		\$ 4,498 00	\$4,395 67	\$ 1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$ 32 28	4
PARKERSBURG DIST.							
Parkersburg District.....	B. Ison, P. E.....	\$ 1,195 00	\$1,180 49				
" Station.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	\$ 160 00	\$ 160 00	\$ 20 42	P
" Circuit.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	600 00	471 15	75 00	67 30		
Williamstown Station.....	G. C. Shaeffer.....	400 00	400 00	50 00	50 55	1 00	
" Circuit.....	A. J. Lyon.....	365 00	284 20	65 00	60 00		
Volcano.....	E. C. Wayman.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	75 00	75 00	9 40	P
Murraysville.....	W. E. Rippey.....	410 00	460 06	85 00	85 00		
	C. H. Cox.....						
Ravenswood.....	W. E. Loomis.....	600 00	600 00	85 00	85 00		P
Harrisville.....	M. McNeel.....	625 00	600 00	90 00	87 00		
Elizabeth.....	J. F. Chenoweth.....	500 00	500 00	70 00	70 00	2 00	
Ellenboro.....	T. M. Hartley.....	600 00	600 00	85 00	85 00		P
"	Z. M. Silbaugh, 2mo	19 49	19 49			2 00	
Burning Springs.....	J. S. Freeland.....	500 00	500 00	70 00	70 00	10 00	P
West Union.....	H. J. Boatman.....	600 00	296 30	70 00	70 00	3 50	
Sistersville.....	W. W. Kelley.....	550 00	527 00	90 00	90 64	5 00	P
Middlebourne.....	F. H. J. King.....	600 00	440 00	70 00	70 00	2 00	P
Centreville.....	J. P. Coleman, 6 1/2 mo	300 00	160 00	55 00	55 00	75	
"	T. J. Parks, 5 1/2 mo		140 00				
		\$ 8,769 49	\$8,159 14	\$ 1,195 00	\$1,180 49	\$ 56 07	7
CHARLESTON DIST.							
Charleston District.....	J. M. Powell, P. E.....	\$ 1,270 00	\$1,204 35				
" Station.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	\$ 110 00	\$ 110 00	\$ 15 60	P
" Circuit.....	B. Darlington.....	550 00	520 00	85 00	85 00	5 00	
Nicholas.....	N. O. Beckley.....	610 00	528 79	85 00	82 50	7 00	P
Mountain Cove.....	M. A. W. Young.....	225 00	183 25	85 00	78 00	5 00	
Raymond City.....	B. Hagar.....	400 00	391 65	85 00	83 75	5 20	
Elk River.....	T. P. Ryan.....	400 00	354 25	80 00	80 00	4 00	
Mill Creek.....	J. W. Griffiths.....			85 00	85 00		
Pt. Pleasant.....	G. C. Wilding.....	600 00	550 00	90 00	90 00	15 00	
Letart.....	F. A. Trippett.....	320 00	320 00	85 00	85 00	2 82	
Clifton.....	C. E. Manchester.....	700 00	700 00	80 00	80 00	7 00	
Hartford City.....	J. B. Feather.....	800 00	750 00	100 00	95 10	14 75	
Spencer.....	C. H. Lakin.....	575 00	535 00	85 00	85 00	12 00	
Bell Creek.....	J. B. Harrah.....			80 00	80 00		
Calhoun.....	J. T. Davis.....	350 00	350 00	85 00	85 00	4 00	
Arnoldsburg.....				50 00			
		\$ 6,730 00	\$6,382 94	\$ 1,270 00	\$1,204 35	\$ 97 37	2
GUYANDOTTE DIST.							
Guyandotte District.....	D. H. K. Dix, P. E.....	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 856 00				
" Station.....	M. W. Rider.....	500 00	\$386 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 3 35	
Huntington.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	800 00	800 00	50 00	50 00	9 75	
Barboursville.....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	300 00	170 00	50 00	45 65	2 25	
Wayne.....	C. S. Allemong.....	400 00	267 67	60 00	45 00	50	
Sandy.....	D. Hagar.....	300 00	200 00	45 00	27 00		
Winfield.....	N. L. Baumgardner.....	350 00	263 00	40 00	29 24	5 00	
Monticello.....	J. L. Moses.....	200 00	108 00	40 00	27 00	4 10	
Hamilton.....	A. D. Perry.....	250 00	63 00	45 00	24 18	2 35	
Coal River.....	V. Sanford.....	400 00	250 00	40 00	40 00		
Boone.....	A. T. Morrison.....	400 00	257 46	50 00	45 00	1 50	
Fayette.....	J. T. Carroll.....	400 00	325 00	50 00	50 00	2 10	

*Conference collection last year, \$8 00.

Stewards' (Guyandotte District) Report—Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		Conference collections.	Parsonages.
	Names.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Mercer.....	M. G. Sayre.....	\$ 250 00	\$ 124 75	\$ 35 00	\$ 20 00	.....	.....
McDowell & Wyoming..	G. H. Williams.....	350 00	200 00	30 00	20 00	.....	.....
Raleigh.....	R. Weese.....	400 00	265 00	50 00	36 00	.....	.....
Summers.....	A. Workman.....	.....	.....	35 00	17 50	.....	.....
Logan.....	J. C. Sidebottom,	250 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
	one-half year.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Adam Browning....	.....	75 00	30 00	30 00	.....	.....
	Missionary App'n.	.....	.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
		\$ 5,550 00	\$3,829 88	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 856 57	\$ 30 90	.....

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.			PRESIDING ELDERS.			Conference collections.	Parsonages.
	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.		
Morgantown District....	\$10,616 00	\$10,123 96	492 04	\$1,170 00	\$1,170 00	.....	\$126 06	8
Wheeling ".....	13,925 00	13,614 98	310 02	1,276 50	1,267 50	9 00	339 80	7
Clarksburg ".....	7,210 00	6,235 58	974 42	925 00	881 55	43 55	85 85	5
Buckhannon ".....	4,498 00	4,395 67	102 33	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	32 28	4
Parkersburg ".....	8,769 49	8,169 23	600 26	1,195 00	1,180 49	14 51	56 07	7
Charleston ".....	6,730 00	6,382 94	347 06	1,270 00	1,204 35	65 65	97 37	2
Guyandotte ".....	5,550 00	3,829 88	1,720 12	1,000 00	856 57	143 43	30 90	.....
	\$57,298 40	\$52,752 24	\$4,546 25	\$7,836 50	\$7,560 46	\$276 14	\$768 33	33

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1874.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				B'tisms		Church Property.			Sabbath Schools.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Proable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			For Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y.	For Board of Church Ex-tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union M. E. Church.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	
															Churches.	S. Schools.	Total.							
Morgantown Dist.																								
Morgantown Station.....	65	228	3	4	.....	20	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 2,000	1	21	191	\$ 18 00	\$336 72	.....	\$ 336 72	.....	.....	\$ 4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgantown Circuit.....	76	437	2	6	25	30	6	4,000	.....	.....	8	40	350	1 75	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	\$ 1 00	50	50	50	1 00	50
Smithtown.....	69	257	4	7	5	4	6	4,900	.....	.....	7	68	349	3 35	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	1 25	1 19	80	1 00	.....	.....
Monongalia.....	115	524	4	7	.....	11	7	7,600	1	1,200	7	45	250	10 00	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	1 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Brandonville.....	192	401	3	6	14	3	3	7,000	1	400	4	66	220	8 75	47 35	\$ 7 02	54 37	\$ 38 80	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Pleasant Hill.....	88	246	2	1	20	06	7	2,500	1	200	13	72	503	3 00	10 00	.....	10 00	1 00	75	50	1 50	50	1 00	.....
Grantsville.....	28	360	4	4	10	20	5	5,100	1	3,000	7	102	411	21 80	32 00	50 00	82 00	15 50	5 60	4 40	9 95	4 30	2 30	2 00
Kingwood.....	61	354	2	1	10	20	5	6,000	1	2,000	8	80	406	16 50	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	2 00	1 50	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
Oakland.....	117	425	2	3	13	10	6	6,125	1	2,000	8	80	406	16 50	30 00	.....	30 00	20 00	7 05	2 00	1 90	1 00	1 00	1 00
Newburg.....	7	88	.....	.....	1	1	1	3,500	.....	.....	1	11	70	4 00	60 00	.....	60 01	20 00	1 10	25	25	25	25	25
Rowlesburg.....	21	117	.....	2	.....	3	1	2,800	.....	.....	1	17	75	4 15	18 50	.....	18 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Evansville.....	34	240	.....	1	20	12	5	6,700	1	250	6	72	210	10 00	40 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton.....	56	217	.....	1	18	06	1	15,000	1	4,000	1	21	175	11 46	57 00	.....	57 00	29 40	1 50	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00
Knottsville & Fetterman	60	300	.....	2	3	1	6	10,700	.....	.....	5	.....	150	75	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	50	50	50	50	50
Palatine.....	112	424	.....	5	8	9	5	8,100	.....	.....	9	82	456	6 00	23 00	.....	23 00	1 00	2 00	1 80	1 25	1 80	1 00	1 00
St. George.....	42	236	.....	1	7	.....	5	2,650	.....	.....	4	39	155	1 50	8 50	.....	8 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	77	154	.....	1	7	.....	2	700	.....	.....	4	34	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1,230	5,008	40	42	157	146	78	\$104,175	9	\$ 14,850	97	816	4,264	\$126 06	\$739 08	\$ 57 02	\$ 796 10	\$105 70	\$ 26 75	\$34 64	\$23 65	\$17 35	\$14 55	
Wheeling Dist.																								
Wheeling, Fourth St.....	15	343	1	.....	.....	.....	1	\$ 80,000	1	\$ 4,000	1	.....	250	\$160 00	\$820 44	.....	\$ 820 44	\$820 44	\$ 66 53	\$30 00	\$23 59	.....	.....	.....
North Street.....	3	172	.....	3	15	3	1	6,000	1	2,000	1	30	250	12 60	75 00	\$ 17 0	17 00	41 00	4 20	4 70	3 20	.....	.....	.....
Thomson Church.....	17	130	.....	1	8	3	1	12,000	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	26 00	75 00	42 00	117 00	24 20	4 20	2 00	3 50	\$ 1 00	.....	.....
Zane Street.....	11	224	4	3	15	.....	1	20,000	.....	.....	1	29	280	19 50	60 00	40 00	110 00	.....	.....	1 90	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Chapline Street.....	19	192	2	4	18	9	1	6,000	1	2,500	1	29	215	50 00	.....	.....	24 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....
Wesley Church.....	2	68	.....	.....	26	3	1	7,000	.....	.....	1	20	120	2 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall.....	52	257	4	4	21	.....	7	11,000	1	1,200	6	68	346	20 00	24 36	20 64	45 00	19 35	5 00	1 25	1 25	5 00	.....	.....
Moundsville.....	39	188	1	3	2	14	1	5,000	1	1,500	1	17	150	.....	29 00	.....	29 00	39 00	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....
Woodland.....	58	78	.....	2	.....	1	3	1,500	.....	.....	6	73	179	.....	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Martinsville.....	32	40	1	.....	1	.....	7	3,000	.....	.....	2	14	84	5 00	7 50	2 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greene.....	21	195	3	2	1	1	7	2,100	.....	.....	7	70	246	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cameron.....	6	112	.....	1	3	3	2	2,500	.....	.....	1	14	96	4 00	19 00	.....	19 00	11 50	.....	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Grave Creek.....	22	389	5	3	15	30	9	10,000	.....	.....	8	23	300	2 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas.....	10	268	.....	4	8	4	4	3,500	.....	.....	4	30	180	2 70	17 60	.....	17 60	.....	1 20	1 00	1 00	25	\$ 50	
Short Creek & Liberty.....	18	143	.....	2	2	8	2	13,500	1	700	2	15	120	13 00	65 00	.....	65 00	.....	8 50	3 90	4 20	4 60	4 30	.....
Triadelphia.....	28	119	1	2	19	13	2	9,000	1	3,000	1	13	64	5 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benwood.....	33	49	.....	.....	6	.....	1	4,500	.....	.....	1	20	150	10 00	15 00	2 37	17 37	10 00	3 00	50	50	50	50	50
Total.....	386	2,967	24	34	160	92	45	\$196,600	8	\$17,400	44	465	2,780	\$333 80	\$1,180 90	\$139 51	\$1,323 41	\$418 57	\$106 63	\$51 50	\$46 99	\$31 35	\$ 5 30	

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Benwood.....	33	49	24	34	160	92	45	\$196,600	8	\$17,400	44	465	2,780	\$333 80	1,180 90	\$139 51	1,323 41	\$418 57	\$106 63	\$51 50	\$46 99	\$31 35	\$5 30
Total.....	386	2,967	24	34	160	92	45	\$196,600	8	\$17,400	44	465	2,780	\$333 80	1,180 90	\$139 51	1,323 41	\$418 57	\$106 63	\$51 50	\$46 99	\$31 35	\$5 30

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MINUTES OF WEST V. A. CONFERENCE

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership				B'tisms		Church Property.			Sabbath Schools.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			For Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc'y.	For Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union M. E. Church.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education	
Clarksburg Dist.																								
Clarksburg Station	6	153	3	2	5	.....	13	\$ 11,000	.....	.....	1	11	104	\$20 00	\$ 20 00	.....	\$ 20 00	.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 3 50	\$ 2 00	
West Milford.....	82	609	5	7	6	18	13	7,000	1	800	12	69	500	6 25	40 00	.....	40 00	\$ 8 45	12 00	1 00	1 90	1 30	50	
Salem.....	31	188	4	2	10	5	5	4,000	1	400	3	15	75	1 10	4 00	.....	4 00	75	35	30	25	30		
Smithton.....	70	270	1	4	2	23	5	3,400	.....	.....	5	42	250	.....	3 26	.....	3 26	.....	60	.....	20	82		
Lumberport.....	55	465	3	4	1	20	10	7,000	.....	.....	6	40	300	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....		
Pruntytown.....	30	213	2	3	3	8	7	6,000	.....	.....	2	24	100	20 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	5 00	1 50	2 30	2 25	5 00	
Bridgeport.....	30	127	1	1	23	4	4	3,500	.....	.....	3	20	75	3 55	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	12 00	1 10	.....	.....		
Fairmont.....	13	107	2	2	3	2	1	6,500	1	1,200	1	15	120	18 00	40 00	\$25 00	65 00	.....	4 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	2 00	
Marion.....	29	226	1	2	9	8	8	5,800	1	700	4	53	240	4 50	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	3 00	2 60	2 55	.....	.....	
Mannington.....	33	419	6	2	5	10	7	7,600	1	1,300	6	65	692	9 00	16 00	6 60	22 60	.....	50	1 00	1 00	50	.....	
Pine Grove.....	28	207	4	4	3	5	4	1,300	.....	.....	6	30	210	5 13	15 00	.....	15 00	10	20	10	50	10	35	
Blacksville.....	200	500	4	5	20	50	11	6,600	1	500	12	120	720	4 32	25 00	15 00	40 00	1 00	1 25	3 00	1 25	1 25	1 25	
Burton Mission	75	1	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	30	125	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	607	3,559	37	40	48	172	79	\$ 69,200	6	\$ 4,900	15	525	3,511	\$91 85	\$221 26	\$46 60	\$267 86	\$10 30	\$19 60	\$17 75	\$17 90	\$13 35	\$12 22	
Buckhannon Dist.																								
Buckhannon Station ..	3	187	1	3	.....	3	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 750	3	27	156	\$5 41	\$ 19 00	.....	\$ 19 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" Circuit.....	140	380	5	2	3	5	7	4,000	.....	.....	7	61	275	10 12	37 50	\$ 2 50	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Phillippi.....	60	387	4	2	1	17	7	5,000	1	800	7	100	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Upshur.....	63	437	8	7	.....	3	10	3,000	.....	.....	5	55	150	50	.....	9 00	9 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Beverly.....	83	204	4	3	.....	.....	5	2,000	.....	.....	1	10	50	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Webster.....	20	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Braxton.....	63	181	6	2	4	.....	4	1,700	.....	.....	4	28	122	.....	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Frenchton.....	80	550	4	4	15	25	8	6,000	1	600	7	40	280	3 00	40 00	10 00	50 00	\$10 00	.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	.....	
Canaan.....	33	183	5	4	6	1	4	800	.....	.....	5	38	145	2 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Weston.....	18	137	1	2	9	12	2	5,000	1	3,000	3	39	150	1 25	7 10	.....	7 10	5 15	1 45	65	1 40	80	71	
Glenville.....	120	351	5	10	3	20	5	1,200	.....	.....	7	52	264	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Freemansburg	25	249	4	01	4	12	3	2,500	.....	.....	3	15	60	1 00	5 50	.....	5 50	50	1 00	50	* 1 00	50	25	
Total.....	713	3,379	47	40	45	98	59	\$ 33 850	4	\$ 5,150	52	456	1,962	\$23 28	\$136 10	\$21 50	\$157 60	\$49 40	\$ 2 95	\$ 215	\$ 3 40	\$ 3 30	96	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				B'tisms		Church Property.				Sabbath Schools.			Benevolent Collections.									
	Probationers.	Full Members	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Churches.	Adults	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	Churches.	S. Schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y.	For Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union M. E. Church.	Freemans' Aid Society.	For Education.
Parkersburg Dist.																							
Parkersburg Station.....	4	300	1	2	2	.....	1	\$ 23,000	1	\$ 7,000	2	45	353	\$20 42	\$185 42	\$10 00	\$ 195 00	\$35 00	.....	\$ 7 05	\$ 6 93	.....	\$ 2 00
" Circuit.....	96	266	12	3	.....	40	1	4,500	1	300	9	70	365	1 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown Station																							
" Circuit.....	43	205	5	1	.....	12	5	4,000	1	1,000	4	36	200	.....	4 35	.....	4 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Volcano	88	97	1	.....	10	40	1	1,800	1	700	1	17	100	9 40	3 65	.....	3 65	.....	\$ 1 00	.....	.....	\$ 1 00	.....
Murraysville.....	90	250	1	4	3	5	3	1,800	.....	.....	7	76	407	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravenswood.....	74	270	4	3	13	20	2	2,800	1	600	6	51	220	.....	10 00	1 35	11 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	50	350	1	8	.....	15	6	3,000	1	900	6	20	300	.....	22 00	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth.....	45	105	1	1	.....	3	2	3,000	.....	.....	4	32	200	2 00	22 00	.....	22 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellenboro.....	80	306	3	.....	5	10	6	4,500	.....	.....	4	30	250	1 00	15 00	.....	15 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Burning Springs.....	13	40	.....	.....	4	.....	1	1,300	1	400	.....	.....	.....	10 00	20 00	.....	20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	1 00	1 00
West Union.....	24	83	.....	1	.....	2	2	1,600	.....	.....	3	40	200	3 50	34 80	97	35 77	5 00	2 35	1 56	1 45	1 25	2 20
Sistersville.....	107	275	3	7	2	28	6	5,400	1	300	6	69	320	5 00	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebourne.....	21	220	2	3	2	4	4	3,000	1	800	4	16	100	2 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	1 25	30	40	60	1 00
Centerville.....	75	210	3	1	3	5	3	1,200	.....	.....	3	28	125	75	18 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	810	3,031	27	35	44	182	50	\$ 63,900	9	\$ 12,000	60	542	3,276	\$55 07	\$425 80	\$12 32	\$ 438 12	\$42 00	\$ 8 60	\$10 91	\$11 28	\$ 4 85	\$ 7 20
Charleston Dist.																							
Charleston Station.....	88	132	.....	3	.....	2	1	\$ 18,000	.....	.....	1	17	170	\$15 60	\$130 00	.....	\$ 130 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit.....	150	314	3	1	.....	4	1	4,000	1	800	7	56	225	5 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	\$ 2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nicholas.....	61	428	4	5	45	25	1	4,000	1	200	4	28	150	7 00	31 00	.....	31 00	\$ 1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	\$ 1 00	1 00
Mountain Cove.....	40	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	2	10	80	5 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raymond City.....	75	164	2	3	5	11	2	2,000	.....	.....	3	26	150	5 20	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River.....	201	230	7	5	9	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	32	.....	4 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek.....	96	158	2	2	16	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	80	.....	5 10	.....	5 10	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Point Pleasant.....	20	150	1	3	.....	15	4	5,000	1	1,500	5	40	265	15 00	19 00	\$ 6 00	25 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Letart.....	95	250	2	2	6	11	2	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 82	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	50	75	50	50	50
Clifton.....	95	80	1	.....	14	14	1	5,000	1	1,200	1	18	200	7 00	17 00	.....	17 00	3 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 50	1 00
Hartford City.....	10	176	3	3	10	6	3	6,000	.....	.....	3	31	250	14 75	18 25	13 50	31 75	.....	3 25	5 30	3 25	75	.....
Spencer.....	104	351	4	4	3	9	3	1,500	.....	.....	3	27	100	12 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	4 00	1 00	1 75	1 25	1 00
Bell Creek.....	175	201	12	11	21	22	1	300	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	16 50	.....	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun.....	35	323	2	2	10	40	7	2,300	.....	.....	9	60	260	4 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	1 00	50	50	.....	.....
Arnoldsburg.....	49	87	.....	.....	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	50	.....	5 50	.....	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1,288	3,254	46	44	145	196	30	\$ 49,900	4	\$ 3,700	51	374	1,980	\$97 37	\$323 35	\$19 50	\$342 85	\$ 5 00	\$21 75	\$12 80	\$12 25	\$ 8 00	\$ 7 50

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				B'tisms		Church Property.				Sabbath Schools.			Benevolent Collections.									
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			For Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y.	For Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union M. E. Church.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.
Guyandotte Dist.																							
Guyandotte.....	80	80		5		9	1	\$ 4,200			1	20	76	\$ 3 25	\$ 6 00		\$ 6 00			\$ 2 75			\$ 3 25
Huntington.....	16	70	.....	0	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	168	9 75	.....	.....	.....	75	1 00	\$ 1 50	.....	75	
Barboursville.....	48	114	.....	1	.....	10	2	2,300	.....	.....	3	24	100	.....	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wayne.....	136	284	.....	2	.....	5	3	2,000	1	\$ 300	7	35	200	50	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	
Sandy.....	50	127	.....	1	13	12	3	500	.....	.....	5	20	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Winfield.....	83	200	.....	3	13	13	4	1,200	.....	.....	3	28	125	5 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	\$ 1 25	.....	.....	.....	
Mont cello.....	30	86	.....	2	5	2	.....	400	.....	.....	1	6	42	4 10	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Hamlin.....	88	69	.....	1	.....	.....	2	400	1	700	2	20	61	2 35	6 35	.....	6 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coal River.....	50	102	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Boone.....	19	414	.....	2	1	6	2	300	.....	.....	1	6	30	1 50	6 53	.....	6 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Logan.....	75	70	.....	4	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	46	1 95	2 25	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fayette.....	125	222	.....	4	3	17	2	1,200	.....	.....	2	14	45	2 10	5 60	.....	5 60	\$ 1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mercer.....	30	230	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
McDowell & Wyoming.....	71	161	.....	1	3	13	8	100	.....	.....	2	23	78	.....	40	.....	40	.....	25	25	35	.....	
Raleigh.....	80	350	.....	5	1	45	2	200	1	400	2	12	40	.....	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Summers.....	10	53	.....	1	5	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	991	2,632	44	30	112	150	24	\$ 13,200	3	\$ 1,400	36	273	1,178	\$30 60	\$ 64 13		\$ 64 13	\$ 1 50	\$ 2 25	\$ 4 50	\$ 1 85		\$ 4 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				B'tisms		Church Property.				Sabbath Schools.			Benevolent Collections.										
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L. Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			For Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc'y.	For Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union M. E. Church.	Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.	
															Churches.	S. Schools	Total.							
Morgantown	1,230	5,008	40	42	157	146	78	\$104,175	9	\$14,850	97	816	4,264	\$126 06	\$739 08	\$57 02	\$ 796 10	\$105 70	\$26 75	\$34 64	\$23 65	\$17 35	\$14 55	
Wheeling.....	386	2,967	24	34	160	92	45	196,600	8	17,400	44	465	2,780	333 80	1,188 90	139 51	1,328 41	418 57	106 63	51 50	46 99	31 35	5 30	
Clarksburg.....	607	3,559	37	40	48	172	79	69,200	6	4,900	15	525	3,511	91 85	221 26	46 60	267 86	10 30	19 60	17 75	17 96	13 35	12 22	
Buckhannon.....	713	3,379	47	40	45	98	59	33,850	4	5,150	52	456	1,962	23 28	136 10	21 50	157 60	49 40	2 95	2 15	3 40	3 30	96	
Parkersburg.....	810	3,031	27	35	44	182	50	63,900	9	1,200	60	542	3,276	55 07	425 80	12 32	438 12	42 00	8 60	19 91	11 28	4 85	7 20	
Charleston.....	1,288	3,254	46	44	145	196	30	49,900	4	3,700	51	374	1,988	97 37	323 35	19 50	342 85	5 00	21 75	12 80	12 25	8 00	7 50	
Guyandotte.....	991	2,632	44	30	112	150	24	13,200	3	1,400	36	273	1,178	30 60	64 13	.....	64 13	1 50	2 35	4 50	1 85	.....	4 00	
Total.....	6,025	23,830	265	265	711	1036	365	530,825	43	48,600	355	3,451	18,959	758 03	3,098 62	296 45	3,395 07	632 47	188 53	143 25	117 38	78 20	51 73	
Total last year ...	4,496	22,412	259	255	584	715	336	474,950	36	46,625	384	3,357	18,183	687 25	.....	.....	3,135 46	517 36	193 51	92 40	108 78	35 90	40 00	
Increase.....	1,529	1,418	6	10	127	321	29	55,875	9	1,975	.....	94	776	70 78	.....	.....	259 61	115 11	.....	50 85	8 60	42 30	11 73	
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 98	.....	.....	.....	.....	

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY:

"Whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me, shall Never Die."

NAMES.	Where Died	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Va.	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854..	Effective.....	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....		April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
William Summers.....	Martin's Ferry, Ohio..	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary..	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....		April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
Jesse Freeland.....		1856.			
Alpheus Robe.....		1856.	On Trial.....	33	2
James A. Young.....		1857.	On Trial.....		1
W. D. Warman.....		1868.			
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated...	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated...		4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, W. Va....	January 24, 1870....	Superannuated...	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, W. Va.....	1870.	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, W. Va.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, W. Va.....	March 6, 1873.....	Effective.....	37	7
George W. Richmond.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	March 16, 1874 . . .	Effective.....	41	17

MEMOIR OF DR. RICHMOND.

Rev. G. W. Richmond, D.D., was born in Marshall county, W. Va., in 1833, and died of chronic affection of the lungs at the parsonage of the North Street M. E. Church, Wheeling, W. Va., March 16, 1874, aged 41 years.

At what age the deceased was converted, or when licensed to preach, we have no means at hand of determining. In 1854 his name stands as second man on Grave Creek Circuit. Subsequently he went to Missouri, where he was employed for one or two years by the Presiding Elder. After his return in 1857, he was admitted on trial into the West Virginia Conference, after which he filled the following appointments, viz: in 1857, Benwood; 1858, Salem and Cross Roads; 1859, Guyandotte and Catlettsburg; 1860, South Wheeling; 1861, Elizabeth and Moundsville; 1862, West Milford; 1863, Short Creek and Liberty; 1864, '65 '66, Parkersburg Station; 1868, '69, '70, '71, Charleston District; 1872 and 1873, North Street, Wheeling, where closed his earthly career.

Dr. Richmond possessed natural abilities quite above mediocrity, and also acquired talents which were more than ordinary. Successfully indeed did he "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." He loved the work of the ministry, and won the esteem and affections of the people wherever he went; laboring with an eye single to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. And though for years conscious of failing health, and while his zeal for the cause of God was consuming his life, yet he labored on and "none of these things moved him, neither counted he his life dear unto himself, so that he might finish his course with joy, and the ministry which he had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." His dying message to the Conference was, "Tell the brethren, all is clear and bright ahead."

When the telegram announcing his death was read in the Conference room, the large audience arose and with deep solemnity and emotion, and amid many tears, sung—

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crown'd at last."

F. BALL,
G. MARTIN,
A. J. LYDA,
E. W. RYAN.

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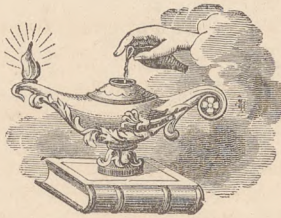
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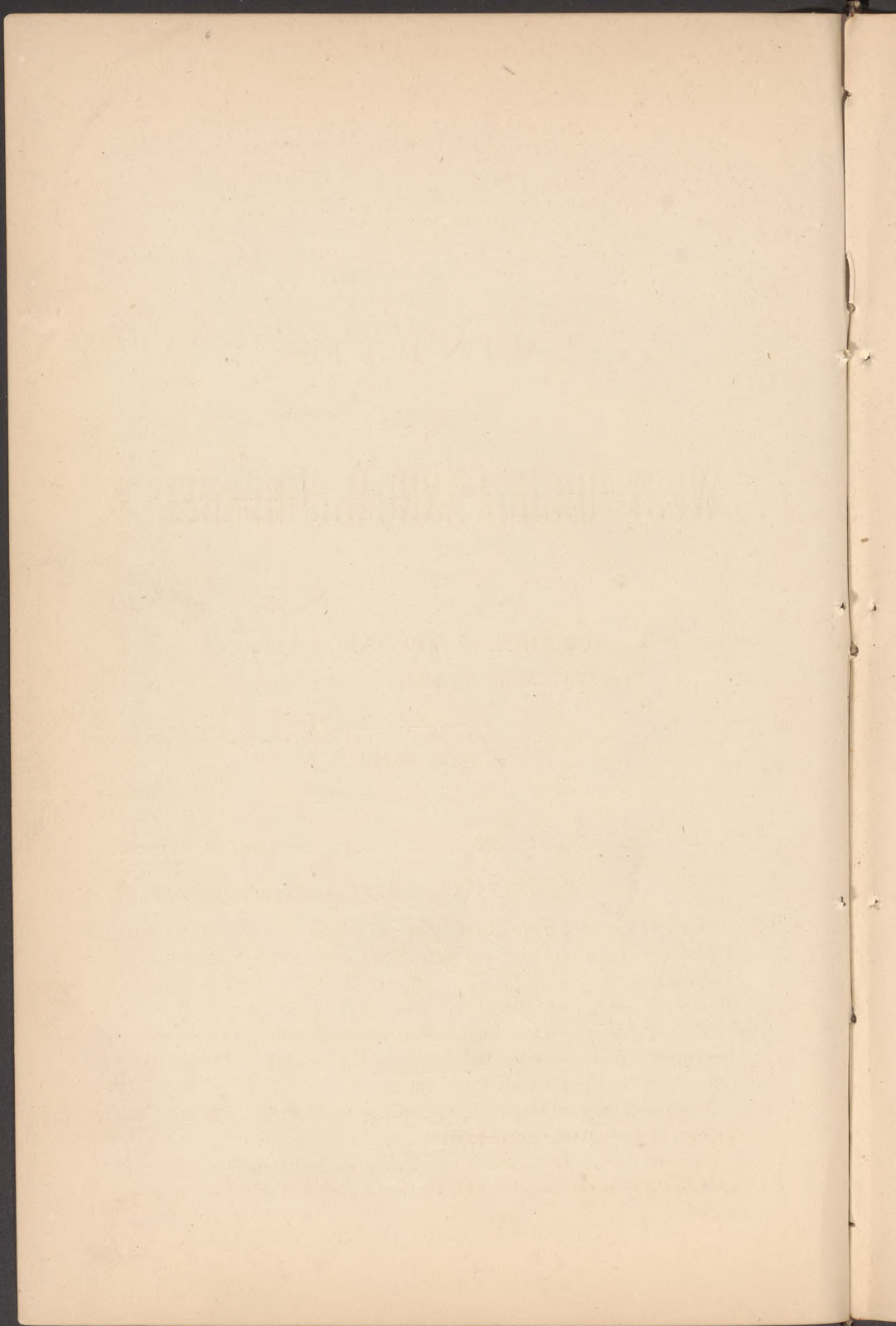
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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 3d, 1875.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-Eighth Session at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, March 3d, 1875—Bishop THOMAS BOWMAN, D.D., presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by G. Martin. Scripture lesson, 63d chap. Isaiah; Hymn 707. Prayer was offered by G. Martin and Wm. Hunter.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll, and 82 members answered to the call.

On motion, J. L. Clark was unanimously elected Secretary, and J. R. Thompson, S. B. D. Prickitt and J. B. Feather, assistants.

The following committees were appointed :

On Public Worship—J. M. Powell, G. C. Wilding.

On Memoirs—E. W. Ryan, M. W. Ryder, H. C. Sanford.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—W. J. Sharpes, D. H. K. Dix, W. E. Loomis, F. M. Hughes, H. J. Boatman, S. E. Steele, M. W. Rider.

Board of Stewards, Lay—A. L. Wade, C. D. Hubbard, Bro. Musgrave, J. W. Hefner, Jas. McKinney, G. W. Atkinson, J. W. Bonner.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—E. W. Ryan, J. W. Webb, S. B. D. Prickitt, J. Conwell, A. R. Riley, W. M. Mullenix, W. C. Griffith, W. R. White.

On Sunday Schools—J. P. Thatcher, T. B. Hughes, E. S. Wilson, J. T. McCartney, G. Crossfield, J. W. Griffiths, V. Sanford.

On Periodicals and Accounts—J. A. Fullerton, A. J. Lyda, R. Northcraft, R. Weese, J. S. Freeland, C. E. Manchester, N. L. Baumgardner.

On Tract Cause—C. J. Trippett, L. L. Stewart, C. S. Allemong, L. D. Casto, R. S. Welch, J. A. H. Wilson, R. Brooks.

On Bible Cause—J. M. Warden, L. H. Jordan, W. R. White, J. D. Woods, M. McNeel, B. Hagar, J. T. Carroll.

On Temperance—J. J. Dolliver, J. McK. Riley, R. M. Wallace, W. E. Lovett, S. Hitchens, C. E. Manchester, A. T. Morriston.

To Audit Presiding Elder's Accounts—W. C. Snodgrass, G. Martin, C. H. Conway, L. D. Casto, J. F. Chenowith, W. M. Mullenix, M. W. Rider.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Observance of Sabbath—W. H. Young, W. C. Wilson, W. D. Carrico, J. C. Rexroad, W. E. Rippey, W. H. Shaw, N. L. Baumgardner.

On Publication of Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Funds for Minutes—H. H. Westwood, H. C. Sanford, D. Tasker, J. S. Laughlin, G. C. Shaffer, F. A. Trippett, W. C. Griffith.

On Freedmen's Aid Society—T. W. Chidester, A. J. Lyda, J. F. Snodgrass, F. M. Hughes, W. W. Kelley, N. C. Beckley, J. T. Carroll.

On Postoffices—J. W. Hess, H. C. Sanford, J. W. Huggins, G. Rogers, G. C. Shaffer, E. W. D. King, G. E. Hite.

On Tobacco—J. Lee, D. H. K. Dix, E. S. Wilson, A. Mick, S. Lowther, J. T. Davis, R. Brooks.

On Statistics—The Secretaries.

On the Episcopal Fund—R. M. Wallace.

To Receive Church Extension Money—R. M. Wallace.

On the James Ward Donation—J. W. Webb, W. T. Lewis F. M. Hughes

To Receive Funds for W. F. M. Society—W. H. Wiley, W. G. Riheldaffer, F. M. Hughes.

On Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union—E. W. Ryan, W. M. Mullenix, J. R. Thompson.

To Receive the Money from the Pumphrey Estate—J. M. Powell, Geo. C. Wilding.

On Centenary Funds—J. L. Clark, A. J. Lyda, J. W. Webb.

On the Mrs. Burns Bequest—J. W. W. Bolton, F. Ball, G. Martin.

The Rev. Dr. Hunter, editor of the PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, the Rev. Dr. Horner, Book Agent at Pittsburgh, and the Rev. J. Rymer, were introduced to the Conference.

The bar of the House was fixed, and the hours of session were fixed at 9 A. M. to 11:45 A. M.

A number of communications were referred to the Board of Stewards.

A communication from the National Temperance Convention was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Annual Exhibit of the Book Concern and Report of the Book Committee were presented and referred; as also the statement of the PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

QUESTION X—"Was the character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up, and the character of S. Steele, P. E. of the Morgantown District, being passed, he represented his District as being in a flourishing and growing condition, gracious revivals on many charges, and all the interests of the Church advancing. The characters of the following Elders were passed: E. W. Ryan, B. Ison, J. W. Hess, W. J. Sharpes, C. J. Trippett, W. C. Snodgrass, J. J. Dolliver, J. P. Tratcher, J. M. Warden, J. B. Feather, J. A. Kibbe, W. H. Young, A. Martin and F. W. Wood.

The character of F. Ball, P. E. of the Wheeling District, having passed, he represented the work of the Church as rapidly developing in his District. Nearly one thousand souls have been converted, three churches—costing, in the aggre-

gate, \$4,000—have been built, one comfortable parsonage secured, and the benevolent collections largely increased. The characters of the following Elders were passed: J. McK. Reiley, J. W. Webb, G. Martin, T. B. Hughes, A. J. Lyda, D. H. K. Dix, W. C. Wilson, M. Dowler, D. Cool, H. C. Sanford, L. H. Jordan, C. Conner, T. M. Hartley, L. L. Stewart, and W. H. Morton.

The character of J. W. W. Bolton, P. E. of the Clarksburg District, having passed, he gave a very interesting description of the work in his District. The benevolent collections were faithfully presented by the preachers, two churches were dedicated and one parsonage built, and nearly eight hundred souls converted.

The usual announcements were made, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned by time.

At night, J. Wesley Webb preached the Annual Conference sermon. It was a thoughtful and earnest discourse, based on Mark 9: 1-8.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 4th, 1875.

Religious services by C. Conner. On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with hereafter. Various papers were referred to the appropriate committees.

Rev. C. D. Battelle; Rev. Mr. Hill, of the Presbyterian Church; Dr. J. M. Reid, one of the missionary secretaries; Father Young, of the Ohio Conference; Rev. Mr. Nast; G. W. Atkinson, Esq.; Lay Steward, from the Charleston District, were introduced to the Conference.

The Tenth Question was resumed and the characters of the following Elders were passed: J. L. Clark, E. S. Wilson, W. D. Carrico, C. H. Conway, R. Northcraft, W. E. Loomis, S. B. D. Prickitt, W. F. Cannon, R. M. Wallace, G. W. McCeland, W. R. White, and J. G. Blair.

J. W. Reger, P. E. of the Buckhannon District, represented his work as being in a good and promising condition; several charges favored with revivals, and the finances equal to former years. The characters of the following Elders were then passed: F. M. Hughes, G. Rogers, J. Conwell, L. D. Casto, and J. T. McCartney.

Ashford Hall, P. E. of the Parkersburg District, briefly de-

scribed the work there during the past year. Despite the panic the various benevolencies are in excess of previous years. Five new churches have been built, two parsonages secured and seven hundred conversions are reported. The characters of the following Elders were then passed: A. R. Reilly, R. L. Woodyard, W. W. Kelley, M. McNeel, G. Crossfield, J. S. Free-land, F. H. J. King, R. S. Welch, W. L. Hindman, and S. Lowther.

On motion, E. C. Wayman was granted a location at his own request.

J. M. Powell, P. E. of the Charleston District, represented the work of church building as going forward and over 1000 conversions during the past year. The names of the following Elders were called and their characters passed: W. M. Mul-lenix, B. Hagar, N. B. Beckley, B. Darlington, S. E. Steele, C. H. Lakin, and W. A. Shaw.

Question VIII.—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*” was taken up; and Moses Tichenel, J. B. Pinchen, E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, J. N. Eckess, and W. H. Wiley, were examined, passed and their relation continued.

On motion, S. Hitchens was made effective.

Rev. Dr. Reid, one of the missionary secretaries, briefly and forcibly addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions.

The minutes were approved, the Doxology was sung and the Conference was dismissed with the Benediction by Dr. Reid.

In the evening the Anniversary of the Missionary Society was held in the M. E. Church, and speeches were made by Mrs. Bing, Dr. Reid and Bishop Bowman.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 5, 1875.

Religious services by M. Dowler.

On motion, all resolutions and reports offered to the Conference were required to be presented in writing, and to be duplicated.

Various papers were read, and referred to their appropriate committees.

Rev. Mr. Postell, of the Ohio Conference, and Hon. C. D. Hubbard, Lay Steward from the Wheeling District, were introduced to the Conference.

The Eighth Question was then resumed, and A. J. Lyon, B. F. Rogers, J. A. Williams and E. L. Nicholson were examined, passed and continued in the Supernumerary relation.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of E. W. Ryan, G. Martin and F. Ball, were appointed to inquire further into the case of E. L. Nicholson, and report at next Conference.

T. H. Trainor, P. E. of the Guyandotte District, represented it as in an improving condition, the preachers faithful, and the collections slightly advanced. The characters of the following Elders were passed: M. W. Rider, N. L. Baumgardner, V. Sanford, R. Brooks and J. T. Carroll.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to inquire into the case of R. Brooks. Committee—G. Martin, J. J. DOLLIVER and N. L. Baumgardner.

Question VI.—“*Who are Deacons of the Second Class?*” was then taken up, and H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, J. S. Laughlin, M. A. W. Young, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, W. C. Griffith were examined and passed from the First to the Second Class of Deacons.

Question VII.—“*Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*” was taken up, and J. A. H. Wilson, G. C. Shaeffer, J. F. Snodgrass, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, J. F. Chenoweth, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Allemong, J. W. Griffiths, J. D. Woods, J. T. Davis, J. R. Thompson and J. A. Fullerton were examined, passed and elected to Elders' Orders.

On motion, the educational collections were ordered to be paid over to the Treasurer of the Educational Fund of the West Virginia Conference.

Question IX.—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*” was taken up, and A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheney, J. B. Beatty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones and B. T. Rogers were examined, passed and their relation continued.

On motion, T. H. Trainor was appointed to investigate the case of B. Hagar.

Question III.—“*Who Remain on Trial?*” was taken up, and N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, Thos. P. Ryan, Geo. H. Williams, Leonard D. King, E. W. D. King, J. C. Sidebottom, F. G. W. Ford, E. D. W. Buckner, Wm. A. Chevront, W.

Wristen, W. T. Lewis, A. D. Perry, G. W. Parriott and R. T. Van Meter, were examined, passed and continued on trial.

The minutes were approved, announcements made, the Doxology sung, and the Conference was dismissed with the Benediction by Dr. Horner.

In the evening, a temperance meeting was held, and was addressed by J. R. Thompson and Dr. J. McKendree Reiley.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 6, 1875.

Religious services were conducted by D. H. K. Dix.

On motion, the report of the Special Committee in the case of R. Brooks, recommending the passage of his character, was adopted.

Question IV—"Who are Admitted into Full Connection?" was taken up, and J. G. Weaver, J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding and J. Lee, were called forward, addressed by the Bishop, afterwards examined, passed, admitted into full connection, and were elected to the order of Deacons.

G. W. Parriott and R. T. VanMeter, were continued on trial.

On motion, at the recommendation of the West Union Quarterly, Conference, the credentials of L. H. Dorsey, were restored.

On motion, a draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for \$30.00.

P. B. Sturm, Marcellus Knotts, W. N. Stewart and John F. Farrow, having been duly recommended, were elected to the order of Local Deacons.

Rev. Mr. Crook, of M. E. Church, South, Rev. Mr. Vaughan, of the Ohio Conference, and Sister Young, widow of Father Young, of precious memory, were introduced.

The Board of Stewards submitted their report, which was supplemented by some very pertinent remarks by Hon. C. D. Hubbard.

The report of the Treasurer of the Educational Society was read, and on motion, adopted.

The minutes were approved, the Doxology sung, and the Conference dismissed with the Benediction by J. W. W. Bolton.

In the afternoon, the Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union, held their Anniversary meeting. At night the Preachers' Aid Society held its Annual meeting.

On the Sabbath morning, the Conference Love Feast, led by T. B. Hughes, was one of very great preciousness. At 10½ A. M., Bishop Bowman preached from John 3:8. It was a master effort, worthy of the speaker, the occasion, and the surroundings.

In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Jos. Horner preached a sermon of clear and profound thought from 2 Peter 1:19. At night, J. McKendree Reiley, D.D., discoursed eloquently from Ps. 61:2. The tender and hallowed memories of this Conference Sabbath will be full of inspiration in all the years to come.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 8, 1875.

Religious services by G. Crossfield.

On motion, the church property at Sycamore was permitted to be sold.

On motion, the Bishops were requested to fix the time for holding our Conference from the 15th of March to April 1st. Collections were taken up for the Secretary and Sexton.

The reports of the following committees were read and on motion adopted: Temperance, Memoirs, Bible Cause, James Ward Bequest, Education, Freedmen's Aid Society, Sunday School and Periodicals.

The minutes were approved, the Doxology sung, and the Conference dismissed with the Benediction by Bishop Bowman.

AFTERNOON.

MONDAY, 3½ P. M.

Religious services by Prof. W. R. White.

On motion, J. B. Feather was granted a superannuated relation.

On motion, R. L. Woodyard, W. H. Satterfield, G. Rogers and M. Dowler were granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion, J. D. Woods was granted a location at his own request.

On motion, J. McKendree Reilly and J. R. Thompson were elected delegates to the National Temperance Convention meeting in Chicago in June next.

Pending the consideration of the report of the committee on Church Extension, Chaplain C. C. McCabe eloquently addressed the Conference.

The reports of various committees were read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M. Benediction by T. H. Trainer.

MONDAY, 7 P. M., March 8, 1875.

Religious services by C. H. Conway.

On motion, the claim of the Conference against R. A. Arthur was placed in the hands of the P. E. of the Buckhannon District for collection.

The report of the Committee on Statistics was read, and on motion adopted.

Question XXIII.—“*Where shall our next Conference be held?*” was taken up, and Fourth street, Wheeling, was chosen.

Resolutions of thanks were unanimously passed by a rising vote to the citizens of Point Pleasant for their generous hospitality; to the managers of the various lines of travel to and from the Conference; to Geo. C. Wilding, Pastor of the M. E. Church; to the Presiding Bishop, the Secretary and his Assistants.

On motion, R. E. Wasson was re-admitted.

Question II—“*Who are Admitted on Trial?*” was taken up, and C. Warman, J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford and C. Crawford were received on trial.

After the approval of the minutes, singing by Chaplain McCabe, prayer by Dr. W. Hunter, a sensible address by the Bishop, the appointments were read, and the Conference Session closed.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION I.—Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Readmission?

ANSWER—J. E. Wasson, by Readmission.

QUESTION II.—Who are admitted on Trial?

ANSWER—C. Warman, J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford.

QUESTION III.—Who remain on Trial?

ANSWER—N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. W. D. King, J. C. Sidebottom, F. G. W. Ford, E. D. W. Buckner, W. A. Cheuvront, W. Wristen, W. T. Lewis, A. D. Perry, G. W. Parriott, R. T. Van Meter.

QUESTION IV.—Who are admitted into full Connection?

ANSWER—J. G. Weaver, J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, J. Lee.

QUESTION V.—Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

ANSWER—J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, J. Lee, E. C. Woodruff, J. Eichelberger.

QUESTION VI.—Who are Deacons of the Second Class?

ANSWER—H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, J. S. Laughlin, M. A. W. Young, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, W. C. Griffith.

QUESTION VII.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANSWER—J. A. H. Wilson, G. C. Schaeffer, W. E. Rippey, C. E. Manchester, T. R. Faulkner, R. Weese, J. F. Chenoweth, A. T. Morriston, C. S. Allemong, J. W. Griffiths, J. D. Woods, J. T. Davis, J. R. Thompson, J. A. Fullerton.

QUESTION VIII.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANSWER—M. Titchenel, J. B. Pinchen, E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, J. N. Eckess, A. J. Lyon, J. A. Williams, E. L. Nicholson, R. Laughlin, W. H. Wiley, J. Eichelberger, R. Brooks, R. L. Woodyard, W. H. Satterfield, G. Rogers, M. Dowler.

QUESTION IX.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheney, J. B. Beatty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, R. Hagar, J. B. Feather.

QUESTION X.—Was the character of each Preacher examined?

ANSWER—Their names were called over before the Conference, and their characters passed.

QUESTION XI.—Have any Located?

ANSWER—E. C. Wayman, J. D. Woods.

QUESTION XII.—Have any withdrawn?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION XIII.—Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?

ANSWER—L. A. Tallman, Kansas Conference.

QUESTION XIV.—Have any been expelled?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION XV.—Have any died?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION XVI.—What is the Statistical Report?

ANSWER—See Statistics.

QUESTION XVII.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANSWER—For the support of Superannuated Preachers, and widows and orphans of Preachers.....\$2,000

QUESTION XVIII.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER—From Circuits and Stations.....	\$923 99
“ the Chartered Fund	30 00
“ interest of—in hands of S. Steele.....	6 50
“ “ in hands of W. M. Mullenix	11 00
“ estate of Joseph Alexander, per F. Ball	50 00

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Which has been applied as follows:

Names.	To whom paid.	Amount.
Widow E. J. Richmond.....	C. Conner.....	\$25 00
" Burns.....	G. Martin.....	50 00
" Irwin.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	50 00
" Jennie Smith.....	Dr. Reilly.....	50 00
" G. Battelle	C. D. Hubbard.....	50 00
" Sallie Blundon.....	G. W. Atkinson	75 00
Rev. F. Guthrie	Self	100 00
" R. L. Brooks.....	J. W. Reger.....	125 00
" A. Dixon.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	125 00
" S. D. Benedum	Self	40 00
" G. W. Matheney	"	50 00
" R. Northcraft.....	"	40 00
" J. C. Sidebottom	"	40 00
" G. W. Williams.....	"	35 00
" J. T. Carroll.....	"	20 00
" W. T. Lewis.....	"	15 00
" N. L. Baumgardner	"	16 49
" S. D. Jones	Rev. Nast, Ohio Conf..	15 00
" G. W. McClelland.....	Dr. Horner	10 00
" D. Cool	Self	10 00
" B. Hagar	"	10 00
" V. Sanford.....	"	10 00
" R. S. Welch.....	"	10 00
" A. Workman.....	"	\$1,021 49
Total		

QUESTION XIX—Have any local preachers been ordained?

ANSWER—Ordained Deacons, M. Knotts, P. B. Sturm, J. Farrow.

QUESTION XX—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

ANSWER—Alleghany College; in a good condition.

QUESTION XXI—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

ANSWER—President, F. Ball; Vice President, C. D. Hubbard; Corresponding Secretary, J. W. Webb; Recording Secretary, John Bailie; Treasurer, J. Reed; Additional members, J. R. Thompson, A. M. Adams, B. Davenport.

QUESTION XXII—Where are the preachers stationed?

N ^o .	APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in Ch'ge.	State in Ministry	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	Morgantown Dist.	S. Steele, P. E.	2	Elder..	Morgantown....	Monongalia	W. Va.
2	" Station	E. W. Ryan.	2	Elder..	"	"	"
3	" Circuit.	B. Ison.	2	Elder..	"	"	"
4	Smithtown.....	F. G. W. Ford.	1	On Tr'l	Smithtown.....	"	"
5	Monongalia.....	J. F. Snodgrass.	1	Elder..	Granville.....	"	"
6	"	A. S. Wolf.	1	S'p'ply.	"	"	"
7	Brandonville.....	W. J. Sharpes.	2	Elder..	Brandonville....	Preston.....	"
8	"	One to be supplied	1	S'p'ply.	"	"	"
9	Pleasant Hill.....	J. W. Hess.	1	Elder..	Portland.....	"	"
10	"	J. B. Feather.	1	Super..	Willey.....	"	"
11	Grantsville.....	T. W. Chidester.	1	Deac'n	Grantsville....	Garrett.....	Md.
12	Kingwood.....	W. C. Snodgrass.	2	Elder..	Kingwood.....	Preston.....	W. Va.
13	Masontown.....	J. J. Dolliver.	2	Elder..	Morgantown....	Monongalia	"
14	Oakland.....	A. Fullerton.	1	Elder..	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md.
15	"	R. T. VanMeter.	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
16	Newburg.....	J. M. Warden.	2	Elder..	Newburg.....	Preston.....	W. Va.
17	Rowlesburg.....	G. E. Hite.	1	Deac'n	Rowlesburg....	"	"
18	Evansville.....	C. J. Tippet.	1	Elder..	Evansville....	"	"
19	Pleasant Grove..	D. Cool.	1	Elder..	"	"	"
20	Grafton.....	J. A. Kibbe.	2	Elder..	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	"
21	Knottsville.....	W. E. Rippey.	1	Elder..	Knottsville....	"	"
22	Fetterman.....	J. Lee.	2	Deac'n	Fetterman.....	"	"
23	Palatine.....	W. H. Young.	2	Elder..	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
24	St. George.....	J. G. Weaver.	3	Elder..	St. George.....	Tucker.....	"
25	Thornton.....	To be supplied.	1	S'p'ply.	Thornton.....	Taylor.....	"
26	Morgant'n Un'y.	A. Martin*.	1	Elder..	Morgantown....	Monongalia	"
27	"	F. W. Woods*.	1	Elder..	"	"	"
28	Wheeling Dist.	F. Ball, P. E.	3	Elder..	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
29	Fourth St.	J. McK. Kelley.	2	Elder..	"	"	"
30	North St.	J. W. Webb.	2	Elder..	"	"	"
31	Thomson Ch.	C. E. Manchester.	1	Elder..	"	"	"
32	Zane St.	J. P. Thatcher.	1	Elder..	"	"	"
33	Chapline St.	J. R. Thompson.	3	Elder..	"	"	"
34	Wesley Ch.	W. C. Griffith.	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
35	Fulton.....	G. C. Schaeffer.	1	Elder..	"	"	"
36	Marshall.....	D. H. K. Dix.	2	Elder..	"	"	"
37	Moundsville....	H. C. Sanford.	1	Elder..	Moundsville....	Marshall....	"
38	N. Martinsville..	W. G. Ribeldaffer.	1	On Tr'l	N. Martinsville..	Wetzel.....	"
39	"	One to be supplied	1	S'p'ply.	"	"	"
40	Green.....	E. C. Woodruff.	3	Deac'n	Belton.....	Marshall....	"
41	Cameron.....	T. B. Hughes.	1	Elder..	Cameron.....	"	"
42	Grave Creek....	L. H. Jordan.	1	Elder..	Moundsville....	"	"
43	"	One to be supplied	"	"	"	"	"
44	Dallas.....	S. King.	1	Elder..	Dallas.....	"	"
45	Sh't Ck. & Liberty	T. M. Hartley.	2	Elder..	West Liberty..	Ohio.....	"
46	Triadelphia.....	C. Conner.	1	Elder..	Triadelphia....	"	"
47	Benwood.....	L. L. Stewart.	3	Elder..	Benwood.....	Marshall....	"
48	W. H. Morton,† Pres. Wh'g Fe.C.						
49	Clarksburg Dist.	J. W. W. Bolton P. E.	2	Elder..	Worthington....	Marion.....	"
50	" Station	J. L. Clark.	3	Elder..	Clarksburg....	Harrison....	"
51	West Millford....	E. S. Wilson.	3	Elder..	West Millford..	"	"
52	"	E. D. Buckner.	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
53	Wilsonburg.....	J. W. Huggins.	1	Deac'n	Wilsonburg....	"	"
54	"	J. C. Rexroad.	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
55	Salem.....	C. S. Allemon.	2	Elder..	Cherry Camp....	"	"
56	Smithton.....	D. Tasker.	2	Deac'n	Smithton.....	Doddridge..	"
57	Lumberport.....	R. Northcraft.	1	Elder..	Lumberport....	Harrison....	"
58	Pruntytown.....	W. E. Loomis.	2	Elder..	Pruntytown....	Taylor.....	"
59	"	One to be supplied	"	"	"	"	"
60	Bridgeport.....	S. E. Jones.	1	On Tr'l	Bridgeport.....	Harrison....	"
61	Fairmont.....	G. Martin.	1	Elder..	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
62	Marion.....	W. F. Cannan.	2	Elder..	Barracksville..	"	"
63	Mannington.....	M. McNeel.	1	Elder..	Mannington....	"	"
64	Pine Grove.....	N. B. Johnson.	1	On Tr'l	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	"
65	Blacksville.....	C. H. Conway†.	1	Elder..	Blacksville....	Monongalia	"
66	Jollytown.....	W. D. Carrico.	1	Elder..	Jollytown.....	Greene.....	Pa.
67	"	One to be supplied	"	"	"	"	"
68	Littleton.....	G. W. Parriott.	1	On Tr'l	Belton.....	Marshall....	W. Va.
69	W. R. White.....	(Agt Am. B. So.)	"	"	"	Members of Fairmont Quar-Con.	"
70	J. G. Blair.....	(Prin. St. N. S.)	"	"	"	"	"

*Members of Morgantown Quarterly Conference. †Member Fourth Street Quarterly Conference. ‡Name omitted from the minutes last year by mistake.

No.	APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in Ch'ge.	State in Ministry.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
71	Buckhannon Dist.	J. W. Reger, P. E.	4	Elder...	Buckhannon...	Upshur.....	W. Va.
72	" Station	F. M. Hughes.....	3	Elder...	"	"	"
73	" Circuit.	L. D. Casto.....	1	Elder...	"	"	"
74	Philippi.....	J. S. Laughlin.....	1	Deac'n	Philippi.....	Barbour.....	"
75	Upshur.....	J. Conwell.....	1	Elder...	"	"	"
76	Beverly.....	H. Foggy.....	1	S'ppl.	Beverly.....	Randolph ..	"
77	Sutton.....	A. Mick.....	3	Deac'n	Sutton.....	Braxton ..	"
78	Webster.....	To be supplied.....	1	S'ppl.	"	"	"
79	Frenchton.....	W. E. Lovett.....	1	Deac'n	Centreville.....	Upshur.....	"
80	"	One to be supplied.....					
81	Canaan.....	C. Warman.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
82	Weston.....	S. B. D. Prickitt.....	1	Elder...	Weston.....	Lewis.....	"
83	Glenville.....	J. E. Wasson.....	1	Elder...	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	"
84	Randolph Miss'n	To be supplied.....					
85	Freemansburg.....	R. Weese.....	2	Elder...	"	"	"
86	Parkersburg Dist.	A. Hall, P. E.	2	Elder...	Parkersburg.....	Wood.....	"
87	" Station	A. R. Reiley.....	2	Elder...	"	"	"
88	" Circuit.	W. H. Shaw.....	1	Elder...	"	"	"
89	Williamstown.....	T. R. Faulkner.....	1	Elder...	Williamstown..	"	"
90	Mt. Pleasant.....	J. T. Chenoweth.....	2	Elder...	"	"	"
91	Volcano.....	S. Hitchens.....	1	Elder...	Volcano.....	"	"
92	Murraysville.....	H. H. Westwood.....	1	Deac'n	Bellville.....	Jackson ..	"
93	Ravenswood.....	W. W. Kelley.....	2	Elder...	Ravenswood.....	"	"
94	Harrisville.....	R. M. Wallace.....	1	Elder...	Harrisville.....	Ritchie.....	"
95	Elizabeth.....	H. J. Boatman.....	2	Deac'n	Elizabeth.....	Wirt.....	"
96	Ellenboro.....	G. Grossfield.....	2	Elder...	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
97	"	J. H. Hess.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
98	Burning Springs.....	J. S. Freeland.....	3	Elder...	Burning Spr'gs.	Wirt.....	"
99	West Union.....	S. Lowther.....	2	Elder...	West Union.....	Doddridge..	"
100	Sistersville.....	W. L. Hindman.....	2	Elder...	Sistersville.....	Tyler.....	"
101	St. Mary's.....	M. A. W. Young.....	1	Deac'n	St. Mary's.....	Wirt.....	"
102	Middlebourne.....	F. H. J. King.....	3	Elder...	Middlebourne..	Tyler.....	"
103	Centreville.....	E. S. Welch.....	2	Elder...	Centreville.....	"	"
104	Charleston Dist.	J. M. Powell, P. E.	4	Elder...	New Haven.....	Mason.....	"
105	" Station	W. M. Mullenix.....	3	Elder...	Kanawha C. H.	Kanawha.....	"
106	" Circuit.	F. A. Tippet.....	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
107	Nicholas.....	N. C. Beckley.....	3	Elder...	Summerville.....	Nicholas.....	"
108	Mountain Cove.....	J. T. Davis.....	2	Elder...	Mountain Cove	Fayette.....	"
109	Malden.....	B. Darlington.....	2	Elder...	Kan'a Salines..	Kanawha.....	"
110	Elk River.....	B. Hagar.....	1	Elder...	Clendennin.....	"	"
111	Mill Creek.....	T. P. Ryan.....	1	On Tr'l	Fisher's Point..	Jackson ..	"
112	Point Pleasant.....	G. C. Wilding.....	3	Deac'n	Point Pleasant.	Mason.....	"
113	Letart.....	E. D. W. King.....	1	On Tr'l	Letart.....	"	"
114	Clifton.....	W. C. Wilson.....	1	Elder...	Clifton.....	"	"
115	Hartford City.....	S. E. Steele.....	2	Elder...	Hartford City..	"	"
116	Mason City.....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	2	Elder...	Mason City.....	"	"
117	Spencer.....	C. H. Lakin.....	3	Elder...	Spencer.....	Roane.....	"
118	Bell Creek.....	G. W. McClelland..	1	Elder...	Big Sycamore....	Clay.....	"
119	Calhoun.....	J. W. Griffith.....	1	Elder...	Smithville.....	Roane.....	"
120	Arnoldsburg.....	L. D. King.....	1	On Tr'l	Arnoldsville.....	"	"
121	Guyandotte Dist.	T. H. Trainer, P. E.	2	Elder...	Guyandotte.....	Cabell	"
122	" Station	M. W. Rider.....	3	Elder...	"	"	"
123	Huntington.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1	Elder...	Huntington.....	"	"
124	Barboursville.....	J. C. Sidebottom.....	1	On Tr'l	Barboursville..	"	"
125	Wayne.....	A. T. Morriston.....	2	Elder...	Buffalo Shoals..	Wayne.....	"
126	Ceredo.....	W. T. Lewis.....	1	On Tr'l	Ceredo.....	"	"
127	Monticello.....	J. L. Moses.....	3	S'ppl.	"	"	"
128	Winfield.....	N. L. Baumgardner	2	Elder...	Winfield.....	Putnam.....	"
129	Hamlin.....	V. Sanford.....	1	Elder...	"	"	"
130	Coal River.....	A. D. Perry.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
131	St. Albans.....	J. T. McCartney.....	1	Elder...	"	"	"
132	Boone.....	G. W. Williams.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
133	Logan and Sandy	J. W. Bedford.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
134	Fayette.....	J. T. Carroll.....	2	Elder...	Fayetteville.....	Fayette.....	"
135	"	One to be supplied.....					
136	Mercer.....	W. Wristen.....	2	On Tr'l	"	"	"
137	McD'l & Wyom'g	W. Cheuvront.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
138	Raleigh & Sumers	A. Workman.....	2	S'ppl.	"	"	"
139	"	C. Crawford.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"

QUESTION XXIII—Where and when shall the next Conference be held.

ANSWER—Fourth St., Wheeling. Time to be announced in the Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, DELEGATES, &C.

Candidates for Admission on Trial—J. A. Fullerton, J. W. Webb, E. S. Wilson.

1st Year—F. M. Hughes, H. J. Boatman, W. C. Wilson.

2nd Year—A. T. Morriston, W. E. Rippey, J. P. Thatcher.

3d Year—G. Martin, John Conwell, R. M. Wallace.

4th Year—S. E. Steele, M. W. Rider, B. Ison.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—D. H. K. Dix, W. F. Canan, L. D. Casto.

Local Deacons for Elders Orders—W. W. Kelley, J. A. H. Wilson, N. L. Baumgardner.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—W. M. Mullenix.

Alternate—L. H. Jordan.

To Preach Conference Sermon—A. J. Lyda.

Alternate—F. M. Hughes.

To Preach Centennial Sermon—G. Martin.

Alternate—S. Steele.

Triers of Appeals—J. A. Kibbe, J. McKendree Reiley, J. L. Clark, J. Conwell, R. M. Wallace, C. H. Lakin, A. J. Lyda.

Officer's Preachers Aid Society—President, J. W. W. Bolton; Vice President, J. P. Thatcher; Secretary, J. L. Clark; Treasurer, S. B. D. Prickitt; Managers, D. H. K. Dix, J. M. Powell, S. Steele, E. W. Ryan, C. D. Hubbard, G. W. Atkinson, G. C. Sturgis, Dr. T. H. Logan.

Delegates to National Temperance Convention—J. McK. Reiley, J. R. Thompson.

To Visit Pittsburgh Conference on Centenary Business—J. L. Clark, J. R. Thompson.

Board of Control and Visiting Committee for Allegheny College—A. J. Lyda, W. M. Mullenix.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, }
POINT PLEASANT, March 6th, 1775. }

The Board of Stewards submit the following report, 1st :
Received on collection for the Superannuated Preachers, the
widows and orphans of Preachers, as follows :

From Morgantown District	\$ 189 05
“ Wheeling “	408 84
“ Clarksburg “	88 35
“ Parkersburg “	113 15
“ Charleston “	62 70
“ Guyandotte “	27 55
“ Buckhannon “	34 35
Total from Circuits and Stations	\$ 923 99
From Chartered Fund	30 00
“ Interest in hands of S. Steele	6 50
“ “ “ “ W. M. Mullenix	11 00
“ Estate of Jos. Alexander per F. Ball	50 00
Total receipts	\$1021 49

Which has been applied as follows :

Widow E. J. Richmond	\$ 25 00
“ — Burns	50 00
“ — Irwin	50 00
“ Jennie Smith	50 00
“ G. Battelle	50 00
“ Sallie F. Blunden	75 00
Rev. Francis Guthrie	100 00
“ R. L. Brooks	125 00
“ Andrew Dixon	125 00
“ D. S. Benedum	40 00
“ G. W. Metheny	50 00
“ R. Northcraft	50 00
“ J. C. Sidebottom	40 00
“ G. W. Williams	40 00
“ W. T. Carroll	35 00
“ W. T. Lewis	20 00
“ N. L. Baumgardner	15 00
	\$910 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$910 00
Rev. S. D. Jones	16 49
“ G. W. McClelland	15 00
“ D. Cool	10 00
“ B. Hagar	10 00
“ V. Sanford	10 00
“ R. S. Welch	10 00
“ A. Workman	10 00
Total.....	\$1,021 49

2nd. We would report the amount necessary for the support of Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers who have died in the work, for the ensuing year, at two thousand five hundred dollars, which amount has been apportioned among the several districts as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 550 00
Wheeling “	700 00
Clarksburg “	325 00
Parkersburg “	475 00
Charleston “	250 00
Guyandotte “	100 00
Buckhannon “	100 00

Total.....

\$2,500 00

3d. No report of any character has been presented to the Board from the following named appointment:

BeverlyBuckhannon District.

The Board would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following portion of the report of last year, which we trust our brethren will rigidly carry out:

While the Conference collections show some increase over last year, the Board cannot feel satisfied that our people have come near to their duty in this respect, and would most earnestly urge upon the Preachers and Presiding Elders the most strenuous efforts to bring up this most important branch of Church duty and obligation.

The Board is of the opinion that the work of the Conference Stewards could be greatly facilitated by a little more system on the part of the Preachers in preparing their reports, and of the Presiding Elders on the first day of Conference in examining and correcting said reports. The following resolutions are proposed with this view:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders shall hereafter submit in writing to the Board of Conference Stewards, at as early time as possible, at the Annual Conference, a report showing:

1st. The Claims and Receipts of both Presiding Elders and Preachers in their respective Districts, and with explanations as far as possible of the cause of any marked deficiency at any appointment.

2d. Any change or abandonment of appointments, and the name or names of Supplies.

3d. The circumstances of the necessitous cases, with such recommendations of relief as may be necessary.

4th. The Conference collections.

Your Board would suggest some better mode than at present prevails in obtaining information of the circumstances of the claimants on the Conference Fund, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no money shall be remitted to claimants on the Conference Fund unless the Board of Stewards have such information in writing of the circumstances of said claimant as will warrant them in making the appropriation.

It will be observed that the House Rent has not been included in this report, as the reports from the various appointments on the subject have been so irregular that very little accurate information could be obtained from such sources.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. E. STEELE, *Chairman*.

GEO. W. ATKINSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund of the West Virginia Annual Conference, March 6, 1875:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station.....	\$10 00	Newburg.....	\$5 00
Monongalia	2 50	Evansville	2 00
Pleasant Hill	1 50	Grafton.....	6 75
Grantsville.....	50	Knottsville.....	1 00
Oakland.....	10 00	Masontown.....	1 50
Kingwood.....	8 00	Pleasant Grove.....	2 00
St. George.....	2 00	Palatine.....	2 10
Total.....		\$54 85	

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Fourth Street.....	\$30 00	Marshall.....	7 20
North "	3 35	Moundsville	2 10
Thomson Church.....	5 00	Grave Creek.....	11 30
Zane Street.....	4 00	Dallas.....	1 00
Chapline Street..	8 00	Short Creek & Liberty..	5 80
Wesley Church.....	2 00	Benwood..	4 00
Fulton.....	2 50		
Total.....		\$86 25	

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg Station.....	\$2 50	Pruntytown.....	\$5 00
West Milford	2 62	Marion	3 00
Wilsonburg	1 50	Mannington.....	4 80
Salem	2 55	Pine Grove	75
Smithton	2 10	Blacksville	5 00
Total.....			\$29 82

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

Buckhannon Station.....	\$1 00	Philippi	\$2 00
Buckhannon Circuit.....	4 00	Freemansburg.. ..	2 00
Total			\$9 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkersburg Station.....	\$9 00	Elizabeth.....	50
Mount Pleasant.....	2 00	Ellenborough.....	2 00
Volcano	1 00	Burning Springs.....	2 00
Murraysville.....	75	West Union.....	5 00
Ravenswood.....	2 00	Sistersville	1 50
Harrisville	3 10	St. Mary's.. ..	1 00
Total.....			\$29 85

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston Station.....	\$4 00	Letart.....	\$1 60
Nicholas.....	4 00	Clifton.....	1 00
Mountain Cove.....	1 50	Spencer.....	2 00
Malden.....	5 00	Bell Creek.. ..	2 00
Elk River.....	2 00	Calhoun.....	1 00
Pt. Pleasant.....	3 00		
Total			\$27 10

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte.....	\$1 25	St. Albans.....	50
Barboursville.....	1 00	Boone	1 00
Ceredo.....	50	McDowell & Wyoming..	1 00
Total			\$5 25

RECAPITULATION.

Morgantown District	\$54 85
Wheeling	86 25
Clarksburg	29 82
Buckhannon	9 00
Parkersburg	29 85
Charleston	25 10
Guyandotte	5 12
Grand Total.....	\$240 25

ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The Freedmen's Aid Society is doing a noble work in the elevation of the millions of colored people who have been recognized as Freemen by the Government of the United States.

Their intellectual, moral and religious culture should awaken the sympathies of every christian heart, and prompt liberal contributions to so worthy a cause.

The several districts have reported as follows:

Morgantown District...	\$ 26 05	Parkersburg District...	\$ 7 95
Wheeling " ...	48 60	Charleston " ...	5 75
Clarksburg " ...	10 05	Guyandotte " ...	1 00
Buckhannan " ...	50	No name.....	2 00

Total.....\$101 90

This is an increase of \$20.15 over the collections of last year.

The Board of Managers have assessed this Conference \$750.00, which is apportioned as follows:

Morgantown District...	\$200 00	Parkersburg District..	\$100 00
Wheeling " ...	200 00	Charleston " ...	50 00
Buckhannon " ...	75 00	Guyandotte " ...	50 00
Clarksburg " ...	75 00		

Total\$750 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. LYDA. *Chairman.*

ON THE PUMPHREY BEQUEST.

We your committee on the Pumphrey Bequest beg to report that we to-day held an interview with Judge Daniel Polsley, one of the executors of the Pumphrey estate, and on behalf of the Conference received from him eighteen hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1,825), as principal and interest of said bequest of Nimrod T. Pumphrey.

ON CASE OF R. BROOKS.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Robert Brooks, report as follows: That having carefully considered all the facts brought before us, we are of the opinion there is nothing in the case demanding further consideration or censure, and therefore recommend that his character pass.

G. MARTIN,
JAS. J. DOLLIVER,
N. L. BAUMGARDNER.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church makes the following report :

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES.

On Conference Trunk	\$1 00	
Envelopes, paper, postage on documents, &c.	1 05	
Correspondence with Bishops ordered by Conference	50	
Conference envelopes, statistical	6 75	
		\$9 30

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Refunded by Missionary Society, expressage on missionary certificates	\$1 10	
Balance on collection for deficiency on minutes last year	1 37	
In my hands for publication of minutes	5 00	
		\$7 47
Balance due Secretary		\$1 83

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

To Frew & Campbell, for publishing minutes ..	\$135 00	
Postage, wrapping paper, &c.	20 00	
		\$155 00

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

From Preachers	\$ 94 55	
Advertisements	101 00	
		\$195 55
Balance in hands of Bro. Morton		40 55

ON TEMPERANCE.

Argument to prove the great evil of intemperance and statistics to approximate its extent are unnecessary. Its name is Legion, and by this name we confess its infernal parentage. Its progeny are conceived in the same likeness and shapen by the same mischievous law of iniquity. Its power of propaganda and reproduction beggars calculation, and its ever-presence to desolate homes, distract society and ruin souls is a most serious hindrance to the successful prosecution of our mission as ministers of Jesus Christ.

The great question before us is, how may we rid ourselves of this evil? The question is more easily asked than answered.

The evil is of so long standing, and has entered so largely into the social customs, commerce and legislation of nations that, by many, the proposition to abate and abolish it, is regarded as visionary and fanatical.

But as a body of christian ministers the *question of right*, with us, ranks every other and we have reached a point in the Temperance reform where to recede from the principle of uncompromising hostility to the use and sale of intoxicating beverages would be treason to God and humanity; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of Intemperance, and we stand squarely upon the righteousness of that rule of our Discipline which forbids the traffic in ardent spirits, and even the use of them except in cases of extreme necessity.

2. *Resolved*, That, being in hearty sympathy with all organizations seeking to revolutionize the social drinking customs of the country and to command for the *total abstinence principle* universal respect, we reciprocate the words of good cheer we have received from the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of West Virginia, through their right worthy Chief Templar and Grand Secretary, and shall at all times gladly hail and co-operate with said organization in the peculiar mission it has marked out for itself. Nor would we forget in this connection to make special mention of the Womens' Crusade as a God ordained instrumentality in the great work of moral reform, and pray the blessing of God on the Temperance Praying Band of the country.

3. *Resolved*, That we regard with great favor the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars to convert our Sabbath schools, as far as practicable, into Juvenile Temperance Organizations, and also to use our pulpits freely in denouncing Intemperance with its social causes, not omitting to point out the iniquity of all legislation looking to the protection and enlargement of the liquor traffic.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of two delegates by the Conference to represent it in the National Temperance Convention appointed to commence its session at Chicago on the 1st day of June next.

5. *Resolved*. That each pastor is requested to read during the coming year in each congregation the resolutions of our last General Conference on the subject of Temperance.

ON MRS. BURNS' BEQUEST.

We report that nothing definite could be effected for want of sufficient authority, and recommend that a committee with full powers to institute suit for the securement of the property, be appointed.

ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are gratified in reporting an undiminished interest in the Educational Department of the church and also in that of the State. A just appreciation of the value of mental culture is illustrated by the steady support our people give to the institutions of learning within our bounds. The M. E. Church in West Virginia does not propose to nullify its record as the patron of a pure and generous literature in the pulpit and the pew, in the school and in the family. We trust, and may we not devoutly pray, that such a literature may speedily supplant the superficial, the trashy and the indelicate reading found so often in the hands of the young. Does it not become our duty to inform, correct and elevate the tastes of our pastorates, by a more extensive circulation of the Sacred Scriptures and of the religious periodicals of our church in our Sabbath schools and families? And would it not be well to be more select in the style and matter of the songs that the voices of the children send forth on our Sabbaths? Home is the primary school in the whole course of intellectual training, and an error there may warp and disfigure the whole after life.

In regard to the various schools that invite our patronage, we are able to record a healthy growth. They merit our fostering care. Without discriminating in favor of any special institution of learning, and without unduly exalting these schools and colleges and universities as comparable with that spiritual endowment which gives to the ambassador of Christ his chief glory, we recognize them all as powerful allies in the evangelization of the world.

The Trustees of Alleghany College report increasing prosperity and encouraging prospects under the recently elected president, Rev. Lucien Bugbee, D. D.

We recommend that S. J. Layda and W. M. Mullenix be appointed as Board of Control to represent the West Virginia Conference, and that the same brethren be constituted the visiting committee.

The State University at Morgantown continues to exert a wholesome influence in the direction of a thorough and broad education. Its President and Professors seem to be doing a good work for the young men under their care.

The Normal schools are embarrassed by adverse influences at present, but we trust that the State will be able, at some early period, to give the financial aid these institutions need to render them more effective. Our common schools have made for themselves friends of the masses and promise to be permanent and prosperous.

A Conference Seminary is still a great desideratum. Some action of a more positive character is now needed to meet the

demands of our people for a first class school for young men and women under the supervision of the Conference.

A generous offer has been made by the citizens of Upshur of subscriptions to the amount of (\$3239) thirty-two hundred and thirty-nine dollars, which will doubtless be increased by other subscriptions and also by the payment of a claim on the United States Government for the use of the Baxter Institute, and in addition a desirable site for a school building is guaranteed if the location of the Seminary is made at Buckhannon.

ON TOBACCO.

The committee on the use of Tobacco beg leave to submit the following report :

WHEREAS, the action of our former Conference, in regard to the use of tobacco, if carried out, is sufficiently strong to meet the demands of the case; therefore,

Resolved, That we reaffirm the resolution of the former Conference as it now stands on the minutes.

Respectfully,

R. BROOKS,
Chairman.

N. B. The former action of the Conference is to the effect that no one who uses tobacco in any form shall be admitted to membership or received on trial.

ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals and Claims of the Book Concern, beg leave to present the following report :

Only two unsettled claims were presented in connection with this Conference, and these we think can be amicably arranged. The financial exhibit of the New York Book Concern shows that the affairs of that institution are in a gratifying and prosperous condition. The exhibit of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate shows a small increase over that of last year. We are of the opinion, however, that the increase is not as large as it ought to be, considering the ability with which the paper is conducted. The committee would earnestly recommend renewed efforts on the part of the preachers to increase the subscription list of our Conference paper, so well deserving our hearty support. We submit this earnest recommendation not because it is customary to do so, but because we *mean it*. We are exceedingly sorry to discover that many of the local preachers in the bounds of the Conference do not patronise the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate nor any of our Church Periodicals. We ask that the pastors may speedily induce them

to do so. We also find from recent published statements that the German Conferences in the United States display more energy (and are more successful) in the sale of our own publications than we do. Let us improve in this respect and circulate Methodist literature far and near.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FULLERTON,
Ch'man of Com.

ON TRACTS.

Your committee on Tracts present the following report:

Believing as we do that the distribution of tracts exerts potent influence for good, and as there has only been \$106.47 raised, and as there is a decrease from last year of \$32.47,

Resolved, therefore, That we recommend an earnest presentation of the interest of this cause in every charge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. H. WILSON,
Ch. Com.

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The distribution of the Bible within our bounds during the past year has been greatly hindered by the distrust and discouragement produced by failures in the various industrial pursuits of our people. The canvass of the territory has been very limited on account of want of means. A large majority of the county auxiliaries are unable to keep canvassers in their respective fields, even when the finances of the country are in the most healthy condition. The results, however, of the partial exploration of the territory reveal a great destitution of the sacred Scriptures among the people, in some cases amounting to the startling figures of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the families visited. The American Bible Society has been exceedingly generous in her responses to the call for help, but the thorough canvass of the destitute fields devolves on the Churches in our own State, and is one that should be undertaken immediately. We cannot be true to our pledges as ministers, or consistent with our faith as Christians, unless we enter these waste places and plant the seeds of life there. The collections in aid of this cause are very small. The exact amount of funds appropriated to this enterprise by the M. E. Church in the State, small as it is, however, cannot be ascertained, as the contributions made at the few anniversaries held by the County Societies are not reported. Some special, earnest and harmonious effort on the part of all the denominations is at this date very desirable. The

most practical mode of placing the Bible in every family is by the employment of conscientious colporteurs, who, combining with their other qualifications, those of the pastoral character, will visit every house and leave the precious volume there. To get these Bible distributors requires money, and to get the money we must appeal to the people, notwithstanding hard times, drouth and murmuring. The District Superintendent for the State of West Virginia, represents all the denominations, and he therefore aims to get the co-operation of all Christians. In the rural districts where a systematic unity cannot be had, it is expedient to secure all possible aid by the annual collections by the various pastors. We recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolution, and the faithful redemption of the pledge it contains:

Resolved, That in all our congregations during this year we will take up a collection for the purpose of supplying the destitute with the sacred Scriptures.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, having examined their vouchers, beg leave to report all correct.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

To observe the Sabbath is the general duty. It is enjoined upon us by reason, experience and revelation. And therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we deplore the violation of the sanctity of the day on the part of many who are scrupulous respecting other matters.

Resolved, 2d. That we sanction the State law which prohibits all secular employment on the Sabbath.

Resolved, 3d. That we respectfully request the officers of the law to enforce the law in relation to the Sabbath.

Resolved, 4th. That we *positively censure* all pleasure excursions and all worldly diversions on that day.

Resolved, 5th. That we will, both publicly and privately, insist upon the observance of the day in our several congregations.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools respectfully submit the following report:

Money in hand.....\$120 70

We, your Committee, would recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

First—That each Preacher form his Sunday School or Schools into a Missionary School, as the Discipline requires.

Second—That our Sunday Schools be requested to make their purchases through our own publishing houses or depository.

Third—That Preachers should urge the use of our Sunday School helps, such as "Lesson Leaves," Papers, Cards, &c.

ON JAMES WARD BEQUEST.

Your Committee on the James Ward Bequest submit the following report and resolution:

WHEREAS, The late James Ward bequeathed certain sums of money to the M. E. Church, and the same remains uncollected,

Resolved, That Dr. A. J. Lyda be and he is hereby constituted the agent of the West Virginia Conference to collect said money, and required to place the same on interest, secured by real estate in trust for the Conference; and he is further empowered to turn over to the Buckhannon Circuit the amount due said Circuit as per said bequest.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

The committee appointed to receive the amount coming to the West Virginia Conference from the Centenary Fund, held jointly by the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences, submits the following report:

Your committee met the committee of the Pittsburgh Conference, consisting of Rev. J. Horner, Rev. Wm. Cox and A. Bradley, Esq., at Pittsburgh, on the 11th of August, 1874.

The committee on part of the Pittsburgh Conference, repudiated the former action of their Conference as embodied in the following resolutions passed by them at their session held at Salem, Ohio, March 19th, 1873:

"*Resolved*, 1st. That it is the sense of this Conference that the West Virginia Conference is justly entitled to receive her pro rata share of all the funds vested for Conference claimants up to 1848.

"*Resolved*, 2d. That we direct our Centenary Board to take measures to ascertain and pay over to the West Virginia Conference her share of these funds."

The Pittsburgh committee contended that: "The Pittsburgh Conference was simply the custodian of the funds acting in good faith for both parties. The Pittsburgh Conference cannot

be held responsible for the funds, or for their loss." That as the West Virginia Conference was not a joint custodian, its consent to a change of security was not necessary. That the whole fund was left under the sole control and custody of the Pittsburgh Conference, and therefore they were not legally responsible to the West Virginia Conference for the loss of the funds.

Again it was stated that if the West Virginia Conference was allowed its full share of the whole original fund, that the preachers of the Pittsburgh Conference would have to pay it out of their own pockets, which they would not be likely to do. They therefore declined to recognize our claim upon them for our full share of the whole fund.

Of the five hundred dollars which had not been lost and some paid in since, they paid me as our share of the principal and interest one hundred and sixty (\$160.00), which amount I receipted for as per paper accompanying this report. The money received by me I deposited in bank at six per cent interest, and have drawn the interest up to March 1st, 1875, amounting to four dollars and eighty cents, which I have now in hands waiting an order from Conference to dispose of it, and also their direction what to do with the principal.

Your committee recommends to the Conference the appointment of a special committee to consider this subject, and report what further action, if any, may be advisable.

JAMES L. CLARK, *Committee.*

POINT PLEASANT, March 3d, 1875.

ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension, present the following as their report:

The parent Board has assessed our Conference \$500.00, and allowed us \$1200.00, on which \$218.41 has been paid, leaving a deficiency of \$281.59. This is \$31.63 more than was paid last year. Yet in the face of these *very meager* contributions, applications have been presented to the Conference Board during the year, amounting to nearly \$3,000.00. Some brethren blame the parent society for not doing more for us, while we do almost nothing for their treasury.

We respectfully and earnestly recommend that collections for this cause be taken throughout the Conference on the fourth Sunday in October, and the cash or a statement of the amount be forwarded immediately to the Treasurer in Wheeling, James Reed.

The brethren are urged to give the people the information which comes to their knowledge through the Annual Report upon this subject.

If the people get the light needed, we will get the money needed.

F. BALL, *President*.

A. J. LYDA, *Cor. Sec.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the District Conferences in the bounds of this Annual Conference be requested to provide in their programme for a meeting in the interests of the Ladies and P. C. U. and the W. F. M. S.

Resolved, That this Conference ratify the sale of our old church property at Webster, Taylor county, W. Va. and the appropriation of the proceeds of said sale towards the erection and completion of the new church building there.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference concur in and confirm the action of the Quarterly Conference of Bell Creek Circuit in the sale and disposal of the old church property on Sycamore, known as Sycamore Chapel.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Hamlin Circuit has authorized the Trustees of the parsonage to sell said parsonage property, therefore be it

Resolved, That the West Virginia Annual Conference consent to the sale of said property.

Resolved, That Bishop Bowman be respectfully requested to use his influence with the Board of Bishops at their annual session to have the time of the meeting of our Annual Conference changed so that it will meet between the 15th of March and the 1st of April each year, and that our Secretary be requested to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Bishops.

Resolved, That all resolutions offered to this Conference must be presented in writing, and all reports and resolutions must be duplicated.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully invite the presentation, at its next session, of propositions looking towards the establishment of a Seminary for the education of youth of both sexes, and that the Secretary forward this resolution for publication in the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That the custodians of the funds held by this Conference shall not loan them without good and sufficient security on real estate.

Resolved, That this Conference heartily commend the publication of the sermon of Rev. A. Hall, P. E. of Parkersburg District, on "Ministerial Support, A Christian Duty," and that we use our efforts to promote its circulation among the people.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

Having been permitted, in the Providence of God, to visit and hold a session of Conference upon that classic spot in the pioneer history of the country known as Point Pleasant, we would do injustice to our own feelings if we did not, as members of the West Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, give expression to the following sentiments:

1. We are impressed afresh with our duty to our common country, when we remember that its redemption from heathenism and savagery received one of its earliest baptisms of blood at this point; and as we tread lightly on the ashes of Cornstalk, the princely savage whose misfortune it was, rather than his fault, to prefer hunting grounds to cultivated fields, and an unbroken wilderness to the modifications of civilization; and as we drop a tear upon the graves of those who asserted against him the rights of advancing humanity at the sacrifice of their lives, we would not forget that the original grant of redemption and civilization cost the blood of Jesus Christ, and we shall take increasing pleasure in proclaiming to all men—white, black, and copper-colored—that "If the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

2. The pleasure of this occasion has been greatly enhanced by the generous hospitality of the citizens of Point Pleasant, who, without respect to denominational divisions or partisan lines, have opened their doors to our reception, and invited us to their hearts and homes. May the blessing of God rest upon them, is our prayer, as we go forth to our work and endeavor to lighten the gloom of its occasional (sometimes numerous) privations, by remembering their cheerful firesides and words of kindness while we were their honored guests.

3. This expression of citizen hospitality has been accompanied by another feature not always discernible on such occasions—namely, the largest ecclesiastical and denominational hospitality. Never have we known the doors of the different churches to be more—seldom so—generally thrown open to us. God bless the churches and ministers of Point Pleasant. May the day soon come when Christians, everywhere, shall demonstrate the great principle of *the many in one, or the unity of the Lord's Israel by the diversified unity of its numerous tribes.*

4. In the same connection we would not omit to make specific mention of our brother, Rev. G. C. Wilding, pastor-in-charge of the M. E. Congregation of this place, in whom energy in securing ample accommodations for the Conference has been fully equalled by an accuracy of judgment which has assigned to each member of the body the best home in the place, and to each home the best preachers in the Conference.

5. To the generosity of the steamboat, railroad and other lines of travel, and to the politeness of the officials along the various routes traversed by us in reaching this place, we are also much indebted; and they are entitled to, and are hereby tendered, our heartfelt thanks.

6. We recognize the efficient services of our Secretary and his Assistants as having largely expedited the business and contributed to the pleasure of this occasion. We invoke the blessing of God on him and them—the more especially as we get their services *without money and without price.*

7. Finally we feel that this expression of thanks would be incomplete if it made no mention of our worthy President. Bishop Bowman came among us a comparative stranger, many of us having never seen him before; but the genial sunshine which he carries with him has dissipated reserve, and he has seemed to us, from his first appearance, like an old acquaintance. We cheerfully recognize his ability as an executive officer of the Church, and his urbanity as a Christian gentleman; and we shall always be happy to greet him whenever, in the distribution of Episcopal labor, he shall have assigned him the Presidency of our Conference. May the blessing of God rest upon him in his official labors, and also in his personal and social relations.

(Signed)

J. MCKENDREE REILEY,
J. WESLEY WEBB.

Steward's Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference for the year ending March, 1875.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presid'g Elders.		Conference Collection.	Parsonages.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Morgantown District.....	S. Steele, P. E.....	\$ 1,200 00	\$1,192 00	\$	\$	\$	P
" Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	1,000 00	1,100 00	100 00	100 00	19 10	P
" Circuit.....	B. Ison.....	800 00	600 00	92 00	81 25	10 00	P
Smithtown.....	J. W. Hess.....	400 00	342 70	45 00	45 00	2 15	P
Monongalia.....	J. A. Fullerton.....	800 00	700 00	90 00	91 75	10 00	P
" ".....	W. H. Satterfield.....	43 75	43 75				P
Brandonville.....	W. J. Sharpes.....	500 00	500 00	80 00	80 00	2 00	P
" ".....	R. P. VanMeter.....	150 00	150 00				P
Pleasant Hill.....	J. G. Weaver.....	500 00	400 00	45 00	45 00	2 00	P
Grantsville.....	C. J. Trippett.....	500 00	500 00	60 00	60 00	1 00	P
Kingwood.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....	675 00	675 00	70 00	70 00	25 00	P
Masontown.....	J. C. Dolliver.....	560 00	474 00	40 00	40 00	1 50	P
Oakland.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	800 00	700 00	85 00	85 00	30 00	P
" ".....	J. Chamberlin.....	200 00	170 00				P
Newburg.....	J. M. Warden.....	800 00	800 00	40 00	40 00	13 00	P
Rowlesburg.....	T. R. Faulkner.....	285 00	201 50	50 00	50 00	1 00	P
Evansville.....	J. B. Feather.....	625 00	578 05	80 00	80 00	11 00	P
Pleasant Grove.....	F. G. W. Ford.....	200 00	200 00	40 00	40 00	2 00	P
Grafton.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	70 00	70 00	4 00	P
Knottsville.....	H. H. Westwood.....	450 00	372 30	60 00	61 00	12 00	P
" ".....	E. D. Buckner.....	175 00	150 88				P
Fetterman.....	J. Lee.....	350 00	330 00	40 00	40 00	1 00	P
Palatine.....	W. H. Young.....	500 00	536 00	63 00	63 00	5 30	P
St. George.....	T. W. Chidester.....	450 00	450 00	50 00	50 00	1 00	P
		\$12,993 00	\$11,136 18	\$1,200 00	\$1,192 00	\$189 05	11
Wheeling District.....	F. Ball, P. E.....	\$ 1,272 00	\$1,262 45	\$	\$	\$	P
" Fourth St.....	J. McKendree Riley.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	242 00	242 00	160 00	P
" North St.....	J. W. Webb.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	72 00	72 00	23 29	P
" Thomson Ch.....	G. Martin.....	900 00	800 00	66 00	66 00	35 00	P
" Zane St.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	121 00	121 00	28 55	P
" Chapline St.....	J. R. Thompson.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	100 00	100 00	50 00	P
" Wesley Ch.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1,000 00	531 00	40 00	40 00	2 00	P
Fulton.....	G. W. Rheildaffer.....	415 00	442 25	25 00	25 00	8 00	P
Marshall.....	D. H. K. Dix.....	600 00	553 50	77 00	77 00	25 00	P
" ".....	M. A. W. Young.....	200 00	184 50				P
Moundsville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	800 00	800 00	77 00	77 00	12 70	P
New Martinsville & Woodland.....	M. Dowler.....	525 00	297 63	50 00	42 95		P
Greene.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	350 00	300 00	50 00	50 00		P
Cameron.....	H. C. Sanford.....	645 00	645 00	44 00	44 00	6 00	P
Grave Creek.....	L. H. Jordan.....	625 00	595 00	77 00	77 00	28 25	P
" ".....	L. D. King.....	200 00	190 00				P
Dallas.....	C. Conner.....	550 00	547 00	77 00	77 00	3 00	P
Sh't Ck. & Liberty.....	T. M. Hartley.....	700 00	700 00	60 00	60 00	11 00	P
Triadelphia.....	S. King.....	600 00	600 00	50 00	47 50	6 05	P
Benwood.....	L. L. Stewart.....	600 00	600 00	44 00	44 00	10 00	P
		\$15,482 00	\$14,548 34	\$1,272 00	\$1,262 45	\$408 84	6
Clarksburg District.....	J. W. W. Bolton, P. E.....	\$ 928 00	928 00	\$	\$	\$	P
" Station.....	J. L. Clark.....	800 00	800 00	70 00	70 00	15 00	P
West Milford.....	E. S. Wilson.....	600 00	541 03	100 00	100 00	5 00	P
" ".....	J. W. Huggins.....	200 00	180 35				P
Wilsonburg.....	R. Northcraft.....	600 00	390 65	40 00	40 00	4 40	P
Salem.....	C. S. Allemong.....	525 00	525 00	48 00	48 00	3 50	P
Smithton.....	D. Tasker.....	400 00	380 00	45 00	45 00	2 20	P
Lumberport.....	W. D. Carrico.....	500 00	332 95	75 00	75 00		P
Pruntytown.....	W. E. Loomis.....	600 00	600 00	95 00	95 00	20 00	P
" ".....	C. H. Conway.....	200 00	200 00				P
Bridgeport.....	J. Eichelberger.....	200 00	168 30	35 00	35 00	2 05	P
" ".....	A. Rider.....						P
Fairmont.....	S. B. D. Prickitt.....	600 00	600 00	60 00	60 00	3 50	P
Marion.....	W. E. Cannan.....	500 00	575 00	95 00	95 00	3 25	P
Mannington.....	R. M. Wallace.....	650 00	538 99	95 00	95 00	10 10	P
" ".....	S. R. Jones.....	150 00	124 38				P
Pine Grove.....	G. W. McClelland.....	300 00	218 93	45 00	45 00	5 50	P
Blacksville.....	J. F. Snodgrass.....	800 00	737 00	90 00	90 00	13 85	P
Littleton.....	G. W. Parriott.....	250 00	250 00	35 00	35 00		P
		\$8,803 00	\$8,090 60	\$928 00	\$928 00	\$88 35	7

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presid'g Elders.		Conference Collection.	Parsonages.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Buckhannon District.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.....	\$ 760 00	\$ 760 00	\$	\$		
" Station.....	F. M. Hughes.....	550 00	550 00	70 00	70 00	5 00	P
" Circuit.....	G. Rogers.....	600 00	520 00	80 00	80 00	10 00	...
Philippi.....	J. Conwell.....	525 00	525 00	70 00	70 00	2 00	P
Upshur.....	J. S. Laughlin.....	550 00	550 00	70 00	70 00	1 50	...
Beverley.....	H. Foggy.....			50 00	50 00		...
Sutton.....	A. Mick.....	330 00	380 00	80 00	80 00	2 00	...
Frenchton.....	L. D. Casto.....	620 00	546 93	80 00	80 00	8 85	P
Canaan.....	J. C. Rexroad.....	200 00	200 00	40 00	40 00	2 00	...
Weston.....	J. T. McCartney.....	500 00	500 00	60 00	60 00	1 00	P
Glenville.....	E. Lovett.....	600 00	600 00	70 00	70 00	1 00	...
Freemansburg.....	R. Weese.....	400 00	400 00	50 00	50 00	1 00	...
Lewis.....	J. D. Woods.....	350 00	350 00	40 00	40 00		...
		\$6,035 00	\$ 5,881 93	\$760 00	\$760 00	\$34 35	4
Parkersburg District.....	A. Hall, P. E.....	\$ 1,260 00	\$ 1,111 34	\$	\$		
" Station.....	A. R. Reiley.....	1,550 00	1,550 00	180 00	180 00	52 00	P
" Circuit.....	R. L. Woodyard.....	450 00	351 44	75 00	44 15		...
Williamstown.....	G. C. Shaffer.....	500 00	500 00	55 00	55 00	1 00	...
Mount Pleasant.....	J. F. Chenoweth.....	450 00	387 00	70 00	70 00	2 00	...
Volcano.....	E. C. Wayman.....	428 56	428 56				...
"	S. Hitchen.....	326 44	326 44	80 00	80 00	5 00	P
Murraysville.....	W. E. Rippey.....	525 00	500 00	80 00	80 00	4 20	...
Ravenswood.....	W. W. Kelley.....	636 00	500 00	85 00	82 27	4 00	P
Harrisville.....	M. McNeal.....	625 00	565 17	85 00	70 78	7 00	P
Elizabeth.....	H. J. Boatman.....	517 00	321 64	75 00	64 70	17 35	...
Ellenboro.....	G. Crossfield.....	600 00	500 00	80 00	80 00	5 00	P
Burning Springs.....	J. S. Freeland.....	400 00	400 00	70 00	70 00	5 00	P
West Union.....	S. Lowther.....	580 00	580 00	70 00	70 00	5 00	P
Sistersville.....	W. L. Hindman.....	600 00	413 00	90 00	78 52	4 10	...
St. Mary's.....	J. T. Parks.....	300 00	163 00	30 00	10 25	5 50	...
Middlebourne.....	F. H. J. King.....			75 00	49 67	1 00	...
Centreville.....	R. S. Welch.....	400 00	329 00	60 00	60 00		...
		\$10,148 00	\$ 8,926 59	\$1,260 00	\$1,111 34	\$113 15	6
Charleston District.....	J. M. Powell.....	\$ 1,360 00	\$ 1,335 58	\$	\$		
" Station.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	125 00	125 00	9 00	...
" Circuit.....	B. Hagar.....	450 00	277 53	85 00	85 00	1 55	...
Nicholas Circuit.....	N. C. Beckley.....	610 00	508 97	85 00	77 50	4 00	P
Mountain Cove.....	J. T. Davis.....	400 00	400 00	85 00	85 00	5 00	...
Malden.....	B. Darlington.....	600 00	408 68	85 00	85 00	5 00	P
Elk River.....	T. P. Ryan.....	400 00	306 32	80 00	80 00	2 00	...
Mill Creek.....	J. W. Griffith.....	450 00	354 50	84 00	84 00	2 15	...
Point Pleasant.....	G. C. Wilding.....	600 00	500 00	85 00	85 00	10 00	P
Letart.....	F. A. Trippet.....	500 00	350 00	85 00	85 00	2 00	...
Clifton.....	C. E. Manchester.....	600 00	550 00	80 00	72 18	6 00	P
Hartford City.....	S. E. Steel.....	947 25	774 61	100 00	100 00	2 00	...
Mason City.....	J. A. H. Wilson.....	400 00	350 00	70 00	70 00	1 00	...
Spencer.....	C. H. Lakin.....	545 00	511 18	85 00	85 00	5 00	...
Bell Creek.....	E. D. W. King.....	320 00	243 75	81 00	71 90	3 00	...
Calhoun.....	W. H. Shaw.....	500 00	406 42	85 00	85 00	2 00	...
Arnoldsburg.....	B. Rogers.....	250 00	164 00	60 00	60 00	3 00	...
		\$10,132 25	\$8,741 54	\$1,360 00	\$1,335 58	\$62 70	4
Guyandotte District.....	T. H. Trainer, P. E.....	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 963 48	\$	\$		
" Station.....	M. W. Rider.....	500 00	500 00	65 00	65 00	3 00	...
Huntington.....	W. C. Griffith.....	000 00	544 45	280 00	277 00	1 85	...
Barboursville.....	G. E. Hite.....	300 00	150 00	60 00	43 00	1 30	...
Wayne.....	J. C. Morriston.....	400 00	254 99	70 00	70 00	6 80	...
Ceredo.....	A. T. Sidebottom.....	519 00	288 11	50 00	34 30	1 60	...
Monticello.....	J. L. Moses.....	225 00	150 00	110 00	70 07		...
Winfield.....	N. L. Baumgardner.....	360 00	265 00	60 00	57 75	8 00	...
Hamlin.....	W. A. Cheuvront.....	250 00	167 00	50 00	43 25	1 00	P
Coal River.....	V. Sanford.....	400 00	160 00	60 00	35 00		...
St. Albans.....	W. L. Lewis.....	400 00	146 00	30 00	27 22	1 00	...
Boone.....	B. D. Mahone.....	200 00	118 50	60 00	41 63		...

Steward's (Guyandotte District) Report--Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presid'g Elders.		Conference Collection.	Parsonages.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Logan and Sandy	J. W. Bedford.....	300 00	250 00	70 00	50 00		...
Fayette.....	J. T. Carroll.....	450 00	322 48	65 00	45 50	1 00	...
Mercer.....	W. Wristen.....	200 00	160 91	50 00	24 80	1 00	...
McD'l & Wyom'g.	G. W. Williams.....	300 00	151 37	50 00	22 15	1 00	...
Raleigh & Somers	A. Workman.....	400 00	182 69	70 00	56 81		P
"	A. D. Perry.....	200 00	80 85				...
		\$7,204 00	\$4,855 86	\$1,200 00	\$963 48	\$27 56	2

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		PRESI'G ELDERS.		Conference Collection.	Parsonages.
	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Morgantown.....	\$12,993 00	\$11,136 18	\$1,200 00	\$1,192 00	\$ 189 05	11
Wheeling.....	15,482 00	14,548 34	1,272 00	1,262 45	408 84	6
Clarksburg.....	8,803 00	8,090 60	928 00	928 00	88 35	7
Buckhannon.....	6,035 00	5,881 93	760 00	760 00	34 35	4
Parkersburg.....	10,148 00	8,926 59	1,260 00	1,111 34	113 15	6
Charleston.....	10,132 25	8,741 54	1,360 00	1,335 58	62 70	4
Guyandotte.....	7,204 00	4,855 86	1,200 00	963 48	27 56	2
Total.....	\$70,798 25	\$63,171 04	\$7,980 00	\$7,552 85	\$923 99	40

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1875.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.			Bap'ms		Church Property.			Sab. Sch'ls			Benevolent Collections.													
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pr'chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'rnce Claimants	For Missions.			For Wo- man's F. M. Society	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Socy	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freem'ns Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.		
															Chur's.	S. Sch's	Total.								
Morgantown Dist.																									
Morgantown Station.....	20	250	4	6	.....	4	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 2,000	1	28	225	\$ 19 10	\$ 199 08	\$ 54 75	\$ 253 86	\$ 76 00	\$	\$ 2 75	\$ 2 25	\$ 7 50	\$ 7 50		
" Circuit.....	35	475	2	3	.....	12	6	6,000	.....	.....	6	45	345	10 00	25 00	.....	25 00	3 00	90	50	2 00	1 25	75		
Smithtown.....	30	241	3	3		2	11	4,500			7	75	348	2 15	7 82		7 92							27	
Monongalia.....	17	625	4	4	.....	3	55	7,600	1	1,100	7	65	310	10 00	46 00	.....	46 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 60	2 00	.....		
Brandonville.....	60	460	3	8	.....	6	24	6,800	1	1,800	11	50	400	2 00	25 00	.....	25 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Pleasant Hill.....	22	260	2	2	.....	18	6	4,000	1	400	5	52	143	2 00	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Grantsville.....	50	360	4	2	.....	14	4	5,000	1	200	8	50	440	1 00	9 00	.....	9 00	.....	50	1 55	50	45	.....		
Kingwood.....	31	157	1	1	.....	2	2	2,800	1	3,000	4	57	238	25 00	79 60	20 40	100 00	38 50	8 00	2 00	3 15	2 00	8 25		
Masontown.....	90	200	1	5	.....	20	10	3,600	.....	.....	9	25	250	1 50	10 00	.....	10 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	3 00	1 00	.....		
Oakland.....	61	436	4	3	.....	60	9	6,125	1	2,000	10	91	440	30 00	62 00	.....	62 00	25 00	10 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	1 00		
Newburg.....	60	94	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3,500	.....	.....	1	9	80	13 00	23 00	.....	23 00	17 15	1 00	50	1 00	50	1 00		
Rowlesburg.....	13	50	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2,800	.....	.....	1	15	75	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Evansville.....	38	277	1	4	.....	8	10	6,800	1	250	5	36	230	11 00	38 00	.....	38 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Pleasant Grove.....	105	171	2	2	.....	17	9	900	1	450	5	42	252	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Grafton.....	95	260	2	4	.....	12	16	20,000	1	3,000	1	24	200	40 00	.....	.....	.....	8 05	2 50	4 65	85	2 10			
Knottsville.....	81	316	3	2	.....	3	5	5,700	.....	.....	7	58	285	12 00	5 00	.....	5 00	7 00	50	50	50	50	.....		
Fetterman.....	43	50	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	4,000	.....	.....	1	17	90	.....	18 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....		
Palatine.....	86	505	5	5	.....	10	68	8,500	1	1,200	8	78	497	5 30	28 00	.....	28 00	1 00	3 00	1 35	1 50	1 85	1 00		
St. George.....	12	246	1	2	.....	19	.....	2,650	1	800	3	29	125	1 00	10 25	.....	10 25	1 00	1 00	50	50	50	50		
	949	5,443	41	62	188	264	78	\$108,675	12	16,200	100	858	4,933	186 05	582 85	\$98 15	\$572 78	\$162 65	\$45 45	\$15 65	\$23 05	\$26 05	\$26 82		
Wheeling District.																									
Wheeling North Street	22	317	1	6	11	1	1	\$ 80,000	1	4 0 0	2	62	460	\$160 00	\$ 130 46	\$ 701 08	\$ 832 26	\$114 35	\$25 00	\$30 00	\$22 00	\$25 00	\$10 00		
" North Street..	8	135	.....	.....	35	.....	1	7,500	1	1,750	1	32	200	23 29	14 42	25 58	40 00	5 00	3 10	1 00	4 00	.....	1 03		
" Thomson St..	16	125	2	3	6	2	1	12,000	.....	2,500	1	22	175	35 00	45 00	72 50	117 50	17 00	2 30	1 75	2 00	1 00	.....		
" Zane Street..	20	217	4	3	30	2	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	32	313	28 55	53 0	107 00	160 00	20 35	2 00	85	1 00	.....	1 00		
" Chapline St..	5	212	2	2	19	1	1	9,000	.....	2,500	1	29	215	50 00	61 21	121 79	183 00	35 00	12 00	2 50	2 50	8 00	.....		
" Wesley Ch....	1	51	.....	.....	32	2	1	7,000	.....	.....	1	20	100	2 00	1 00	14 00	15 00	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Fulton.....	50	48	.....	.....	4	4	2	4,000	.....	.....	2	17	100	8 00	14 25	5 75	20 00	.....	2 25	1 35	1 87	1 20	1 10		
Marshall.....	66	291	4	5	6	18	6	10,000	1	1,200	7	70	375	25 00	63 40	3 37	67 27	52 40	10 00	2 00	3 25	5 25	2 00		
Moundsville.....	136	200	1	3	10	45	1	5,000	.....	1,500	1	21	109	12 70	26 00	.....	26 00	40 00	4 90	75	1 25	2 00	1 00		
New Martinsville.....	4	174	1	1	3	36	4	4,500	.....	.....	6	73	179	.....	3 75	.....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Greene.....	55	195	3	2	2	3	7	4,250	1	200	7	55	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Cameron.....	154	112	.....	.....	2	1	69	2	2,500	.....	1	18	95	8 00	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	2 65	.....	.....		
Grave Creek.....	116	375	5	1	8	39	8	11,000	.....	.....	8	83	400	28 25	83 00	.....	83 00	10 00	5 75	2 65	5 00	4 15			
Dallas.....	65	230	.....	.....	3	2	.....	3,000	.....	.....	3	43	197	.....	20 40	1 60	22 00	14 00	1 00	1 00	1 15	.....	.....		
Short Creek and Liberty	112	163	.....	.....	20	.....	13,000	1	700	.....	2	14	100	11 00	50 00	.....	50 00	28 00	5 80	4 00	4 70	.....	2 57		
Triadelphia.....	14	84	.....	.....	15	1	5,094	1	3,000	.....	1	12	48	6 00	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Benwood.....	142	41	.....	.....	11	11	1	4,500	.....	.....	1	19	125	10 00	15 00	1 50	16 50	12 50	3 00	1 53	50	50	50		
	996	2,910	23	40	180	266	43	\$199,250	9	17,350	46	622	3,223	408 79	618 89	\$1,054 67	\$1,674 28	\$338 60	\$83 35	\$52 48	\$52 62	\$47 95	\$23 35		

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.			Bap'ts		Church Property.			Sab. Sch'ls.			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pr'chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'rnce Claims'ts.	For Missions.			For Wo- man's F. M. Society	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Socy	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freem'n's Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.	
															Chur. s.	S. Sc's	Total.							
Clarksburg District.																								
Clarksburg Station.....	92	164	4	..	..	..	1	\$ 11,000	..	..	2	16	106	\$ 15 00	\$ 18 50	.....	\$ 18 50	.....	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	..
West Milford.....	40	450	3	..	4	15	6	8,000	1	\$ 600	7	28	250	5 00	24 10	.....	24 10	.....	1 41	1 22	91	1 10	75	..
Wilsonburg.....	20	223	2	..	18	15	6	4,000	..	..	4	22	125	4 00	5 0	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Salem.....	59	227	5	1	..	32	6	4,150	1	400	4	20	170	3 50	14 00	.....	14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Smithton.....	54	260	19	4	..	19	4	3,500	1	6.0	4	15	175	2 10	6 80	.....	6 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Lumberport.....	25	387	3	4	..	18	12	8,000	..	..	6	45	400	.....	5 67	.....	5 67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Pruntytown.....	41	249	2	2	..	44	7	8,000	..	..	4	37	125	20 00	30 00	.....	30 00	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	..
Bridgeport.....	20	126	1	1	..	4	4	3,000	..	..	3	27	120	2 05	2 60	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Fairmont.....	2	107	2	5	1	8	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	15	130	3 50	44 50	16 00	60 50	35 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	..
Marion.....	50	250	2	2	5	19	8	5,400	1	700	5	75	230	3 25	10 00	25 00	35 00	3 45	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 60	3 35	..
Mannington.....	207	448	6	5	8	67	10	7,500	1	1,300	5	60	318	10 10	48 00	3 70	51 70	2 50	3 35	3 10	3 00	2 60	1 60	..
Pine Grove.....	9	214	5	.....	.....	5	40	1,350	.....	.....	6	60	240	5 50	16 50	.....	16 50	.....	25	10	1 10	85	30	..
Blacksville.....	40	650	3	3	15	65	12	6,500	1	500	12	120	720	13 85	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	1 25	1 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	..
Littleton.....																								
	718	3,830	36	34	51	304	83	\$76,900	7	\$5,300	63	540	3,109	\$87 85	\$255 67	\$44 70	\$300 37	\$41 95	\$16 26	\$11 92	\$16 06	\$12 15	\$13 00	..
Buckhannon District.																								
Buckhannon Station.....	4	180	1	3	1	3	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 750	2	22	150	\$ 5 00	\$ 18 00	.....	\$ 18 00	\$ 83 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	50	\$ 1 00	..
" Circuit.....																								
Philippi.....	20	4	2	5	3	9	29	8	5,000	1	700	7	100	315	2 00	11 45	.....	11 45	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	..
Upshur.....	40	466	8	3	6	15	10	3,000	1	.....	6	60	160	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Beverly.....	19	272	5	4	3	57	5	2,000	.....	.....	6	26	169	.....	20 00	.....	20 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Sutton.....	25	235	4	3	5	.....	5	2,400	.....	.....	7	55	239	2 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Frenchton.....	40	500	3	2	6	10	6	4,000	1	300	6	36	200	8 85	42 00	.....	42 00	11 00	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	..
Canaan.....	12	178	4	2	.....	11	5	1,200	.....	.....	5	32	141	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	64 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Weston.....	64	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5,000	1	3,000	2	30	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Glenville.....	64	424	5	3	.....	48	6	3,200	.....	.....	7	52	264	1 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Freemansburg.....	74	260	4	4	.....	6	9	3,700	.....	.....	4	15	70	1 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Lewis.....	25	25	3	.....	3	3	2	1,400	.....	.....	5	50	300	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
	340	3,777	47	32	39	182	64	\$37,400	4	\$4,750	64	548	3,068	\$46 85	\$106 00	\$22 00	\$128 45	\$95 64	\$6 00	\$3 60	\$1 00	50	\$ 1 00	..

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bap'ms		Church Property			Sab. Sch'ls.			Benevolent Collections.							
	Prob'ers	Full Mem-ber.	L. P. Ch'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	For Missions.						
														Conf'nce Claimants	Chur's.	S. Sch's	Total.	For Wom. M. Society	For Board of Ch. Extension.	Tract Socy
Parkersburg Dist.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	1	250	1	5	2	.....	1	\$28,000	1	\$ 7,600	1	24	224	\$ 50 00	\$ 275 91	\$ 61 09	\$ 337 00	22 30	12 00	5 00
" Circuit.....	11	238	2	1	2	10	7	4,500	1	300	6	59	130	.....	13 30	.....	13 30	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown.....	17	54	2	.....	6	1	.....	3,000	.....	.....	1	12	80	1 00	5 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Pleasant.....	86	215	4	2	1	4	5	4,000	1	1,000	4	26	212	2 00	20 00	.....	20 00	25	1 00	.....
Volcano.....	8	120	1	1	2	1	1	1,800	1	700	1	8	78	5 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....
Murraysville.....	130	273	1	2	26	16	3	2,500	1	1,000	8	86	450	4 2	6 70	5 30	12 00	6 83	1 10	1 25
Ravenswood.....	60	240	4	3	3	20	2	2,600	1	700	6	43	250	4 20	29 00	1 00	30 00	12 30	1 00	1 05
Harrisville.....	50	363	2	1	5	13	6	4,500	1	1,000	6	25	340	7 00	13 25	15 75	29 00	.....	1 00	50
Elizabeth.....	42	126	1	2	5	10	2	3,000	.....	.....	7	60	248	17 35	51 47	4 31	55 78	7 00	60	90
Ellenboro.....	20	327	3	4	2	18	4	4,300	1	1,200	5	52	240	5 00	21 00	.....	21 00	05	1 00	1 60
Burning Springs.....	1	44	.....	.....	.....	4	1	1,300	1	400	1	13	151	5 00	1 00	.....	10 00	.....	50	70
West Union.....	74	80	1	1	.....	2	2	1,500	.....	.....	1	8	60	4 10	9 00	.....	9 00	25	2 05	60
Sistersville.....	68	265	3	4	1	25	6	5,48	.....	.....	4	51	313	5 50	15 31	1 69	17 0	2 45	1 15	1 60
St. Mary's.....	82	44	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	23	155	1 00	5 00	3 0	8 00	1 00	25	30
Middlebourne.....	21	220	2	.....	.....	4	4	3,000	.....	.....	1	830	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centreville.....	3	308	2	1	1	18	4	1,300	1	450	5	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	680	3097	26	27	52	148	45	67,780	10	13,750	61	508	3,195	113 15	481 44	93 64	575 08	42 05	30 60	13 65
Charleston Dist.																				
Charleston Station.....	40	180	1	3	3	12	1	\$18,000	.....	.....	1	17	175	9 00	45 60	.....	45 60	.....	1 70	1 00
" Circuit.....	75	172	2	4	18	11	2	25,000	.....	.....	4	27	120	1 55	7 50	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....
Nicholas.....	66	435	4	4	21	8	5	4,500	1	400	6	38	200	4 00	15 00	.....	15 00	50	1 00	1 00
Mountain Cove.....	35	190	5	1	2	25	2	600	1	350	3	26	103	5 00	10 00	.....	10 00	1 00	1 50	70
Malden.....	225	359	3	3	5	63	1	4,000	1	5 0	7	56	225	5 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	1 00	1 00
Elk River.....	150	376	9	3	25	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	40	.....	2 00	8 00	.....	8 00	50	.....	.....
Mill Creek.....	109	199	2	1	30	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	25	100	2 1	5 35	.....	5 35	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant.....	8	137	1	3	1	17	3	5,500	1	1,500	4	35	193	10 00	14 00	6 00	20 00	1 00	2 50	1 15
Letart.....	67	214	2	3	13	27	3	1,600	.....	.....	6	48	225	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 25	35
Clifton.....	34	120	.....	.....	30	20	1	5,000	1	1,200	1	18	200	6 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	1 00
Hartford City.....	86	155	3	2	17	4	2	3,000	.....	.....	2	32	235	2 00	.....	9 00	9 00	.....	1 00	1 00
Mason City.....	55	94	1	2	.....	4	.....	1,400	.....	.....	1	17	121	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Spencer.....	103	339	6	1	1	32	3	2,000	.....	.....	4	39	170	.....	16 60	.....	16 60	.....	5 00	1 00
Bell Creek.....	178	150	7	.....	14	2	1	100	.....	.....	3	18	60	3 00	10 00	.....	10 00	50	2 50	1 00
Calhoun.....	53	292	1	8	1	4	7	250	.....	.....	4	28	90	2 00	.....	7 50	7 50	.....	50	50
Arnoldsburg.....	19	142	1	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	41	3 00	3 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1877	3594	48	38	185	258	32	43,500	5	3,950	56	476	2,383	56 70	190 55	24 00	194 55	3 10	10 95	10 20

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bap'ms		Church Property.			Sab. Sch'ls.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pr'chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'nce Claimants	For Missions.			For Wo- man's F. M. Society	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Socy	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm'n's Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.	
															Chur's.	S. Sch'ls.	Total.							
Guyandotte Dist.																								
Guyandotte.....	27	109	2	2	4	19	1	4,000			1	24	139	\$ 3 00	\$ 8 00		8 00							
Huntington.....	11	62	2	2			1	2,000			1	9	80	1 85	5 00		5 00							
Barboursville.....	56	150	1	3		15	2	3,000			3	17	130	1 30	5 10		5 10							
Wayne.....	57	221	2	2	4	16	1	1,000			3	25	150	6 80	12 16	3 55	15 71							
Ceredo.....	19	49	1			1	1	1,500			1	14	60	1 60	1 00		1 00		4 50	50	50	1 00	50	
Monticello.....	30	86	2				1	400																
Winfield.....	51	208	3	4	6	13	4	1,200			4	34	160	8 00	20 00		20 00		2 00					
Hamlin.....	103	107	7	3		6	2	500	1	700	4	36	83	1 00	7 50		7 50							
Coal River.....	51	163	2	1							3	36	75		1 00		1 00							
St. Albans.....	5	25	1	1	2				1	1,000	1	8	35	1 00	1 00		1 00		50		50			
Boone.....	60	308	7	4			1	200			1	7	30		5 50		5 50							
Logan and Sandy.....	233	219	5	2	12	3	2	400			5	30	120		2 35		2 35		2 00					
Fayette.....	127	236	6	3	5	2	1	450			3	25	85	1 00	5 00		5 00							
Mercer.....	27	190	5	2	12	1					1	6	31	1 00	2 00		2 00		2 35					
McDowell & Wyoming.....	94	190	2	2			2	100			4	36	80	1 00	2 00		2 00		1 00					
Raleigh and Somers.....	56	410	6		10	15	1	100	1	300	3	15	90		6 00		6 00							
	976	2,645	48	31	55	92	20	15,450	3	2,000	88	322	1351	27 55	83 61	3 55	87 16		20 65	1 00	3 45	1 50	2 55	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				Bap'ms		Church Property.			Sab. Scho'ls			Benevolent Collections.										
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pr'chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonage	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'nce Claim'nts.	For Missions.			For Wo- man's F. M. Society	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Socy	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedmns Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.
															Ch'rs.	S. S.'s.	Total.						
Morgantown.....	949	5,443	41	62	198	246	78	\$108,675	12	\$16,200	100	858	4,933	186 05	582 85	98 15	572 76	162 65	45 45	15 65	23 05	26 05	20 82
Wheeling.....	996	2,910	23	40	180	226	43	199,250	9	17,350	46	622	3,223	408 79	618 39	1054 67	1674 28	398 60	83 35	52 48	52 62	47 95	23 35
Clarksburg.....	718	3,830	36	34	51	304	83	76,900		5,300	63	540	3,109	87 85	255 67	44 70	300 37	41 95	16 28	11 92	10 06	12 15	13 00
Buckhannon.....	340	2,777	47	32	39	182	64	37,400	4	4,750	64	548	3,068	46 85	106 00	22 00	128 45	95 64	6 00	3 60	1 00	50	1 00
Parkersburg.....	680	3,097	26	27	52	148	45	67,780	10	13,750	61	508	3,195	113 15	481 44	93 64	575 08	42 05	30 00	13 65	18 45	8 60	19 05
Charleston.....	1377	3,594	48	38	185	258	32	43,500	5	3,950	56	476	2,333	56 70	190 55	24 00	294 55	3 10	10 95	10 20	8 90	7 55	13 60
Guyandotte.....	976	2,467	48	31	55	92	20	15,450	2	1,000	38	322	1,351	27 55	83 61	3 55	87 16		20 65	1 00	3 45	1 50	2 55
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CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

"Whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me, shall Never Die."

NAMES.	Where Died.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer	Wayne County, West Va....	October 9, 1851...	Effective	28	2
Silas Burns.	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854..	Effective.....	26	3
Abraham Laughrige		April 22, 1854.....	On Trial	32	1
William Summers	Martin's Ferry, Ohio	March 29, 1855 ...	Supernumerary.	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....		April 3, 1855 ...	On Trial	30	2
Jesse Freeland		1856.			
Alpheus Robe		1856.	On Trial..	33	2
James A. Young.....		1857.	On Trial.....		1
W. D. Warman		1868.			
Gordon Battelle, D.D.....	Washington, D. C.	August 7, 1862.....	Effective	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864	Superannuated...	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated..		4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumpertport, W. Va ..	January 24, 1870...	Superannuated ..	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, W. Va	1870.	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, W. Va	April 26, 1871.....	Effective	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, W. Va ...	March 6, 1873	Effective	37	7
George W. Richmond, D.D	Wheeling, W. Va	March 16, 1874.....	Effective.....	41	17

M E M O I R S .

MEMOIR OF MRS. HUGHES.

Sarah, wife of the Rev. F. M. Hughes, of the West Virginia Conference, died at the parsonage in Buckhannon, November the 6th, 1874. She was the daughter of S. S. and Caroline Kettle, of Cameron, W. Va., at which place she was born and raised. She was converted and joined the M. E. Church in 1865, was married February 27th, 1873, and after our Conference in March following, moved with her husband to his field of labor as a minister's wife, a position which she beautifully filled during her short career.

Sister Hughes, for sometime previous to her marriage, and at the time, and until she died, was an invalid, but one of unusual cheerfulness, while she struggled persistently against the insidious destroyer, consumption. She was strictly and uniformly religious, and was eminently a model Christian woman. Her conversation was chaste, coupled with fear, while her "adorning was that of the hidden man of the heart, even the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price."

Her last hours were spent in earnest prayer for herself, husband and child, parents, brothers and sisters, and the Church in general, closing up her earthly work with this charge to her husband, "Preach Christ until the end."

MEMOIR OF MRS. TRAINER.

Mrs. Jane M. Trainer, wife of the Rev. T. H. Trainer, Presiding Elder of Guyandotte District, West Virginia, died at Guyandotte, December the 10th, 1874. She was the daughter of Elijah and Margaret Hart, and was born at Beverly, West Virginia, in 1819. She was married in 1837, and two years after, under the ministry of Wm. F. Lauck and David Gordon, she was converted to God and united with the Church. Henceforth her devotion to her Master and His cause was unwavering.

In 1853 her husband entered the West Virginia Conference, and hence she became identified with the itinerancy. She accepted cheerfully the duties and hardships of her new sphere, not only submitting without complaint to the necessity of the frequent removals, but entering fully into the spirit of her husband's work—rejoicing in Zion's prosperity and mourning when it languished.

She had the care of a large family, the burden of which is not easily borne, especially when the duties of the father require him to be absent much of the time, leaving the responsibility resting upon the mother. She was found equal to the

task—governing with mildness, and yet with success—controlling her children mainly because she had the power of self-control.

For eight years her health had been steadily declining. Early in the fall dropsical symptoms were developed so rapidly as to excite some apprehension; yet none thought that her end was so near until two or three days before her death. Here it was seen that the close was nigh. Her last hours, though attended with much pain, were hours of resignation and faith. She said to her sympathizing friends, if they knew how much she suffered, they would not wish to detain her here. She gave direction with reference to her burial, delivered an affectionate charge to those of her family who were present, left messages for those who were absent, and referring to her husband, said: "Tell him to preach holiness. I experienced that blessing twenty-three years ago, and I enjoy it yet." At her request were sung, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," "Over the Jasper Sea," "Land Ahead," and such hymns, during which her spirit seemed borne upward until the silver cord was broken, and her soul took its flight home to God. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church, at which there was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. The remains were conveyed to Moundsville, W. Va., where they were carefully laid away in hopes of a glorious resurrection morning.

MEMOIR OF MRS. MULLENIX.

On Thursday, September the 24th, 1874, the sad news of the death of an estimable Christian lady, Mrs. Fannie Thedora Mullenix, wife of Rev. W. M. Mullenix, Pastor of the State Street M. E. Church, Charleston, W. Va., was made public.

Mrs. Mullenix was born in Licking county, Ohio, near Granville, and was in the 36th year of her age at the time of her death. She was liberally educated, and was all her life a close student. She had a logical mind, and possessed a large fund of general information obtained by almost constant reading. She was a lover of poetry, and daily spent a portion of her time in the reading and study of all the standard poets, which gave a polish and richness to the mind which could not be otherwise obtained. She was a good conversationalist, notwithstanding the fact that disease of which she died had for many years nearly robbed her of her voice and that physical vigor which she formerly possessed, that was necessary to give force and fervency to expression in conversation that in health gave her rank in society, and thereby rendered her useful as an active Christian worker. For ten years consumption had preyed upon her day by day, weakening her physical organization, but her mind was vivid and active till the last hour of her life. When in health, and in fact for years after she was a confirmed invalid, she felt it to be her duty as the wife of a Christian minister, to do all in her power to aid her husband

in his arduous labors in disseminating holiness among the people, and building up the cause of Christianity in their several fields of labor. Many are the persons who can now testify to her deeds of kindness that lead them to repentance, and we trust finally to heaven and immortality. She held that her life work was to be good and do good, that all with whom she associated might be profited by her exemplary life. Such is the true Christian character, and such a life of real usefulness. But her life work is now ended. Her death was as peaceful as her life. Her language was, "Lord, now lettest thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." And her last words to her husband were, "I am going to die; I want you to be a holy man; live uprightly, and God will take care of you. Preach the gospel and nothing else, as long as you live. Never, never, never, leave the ministry. I shall wait for your coming." And reaching out her hand, and grasping that of her husband's she continued:

"Here is my heart, here is my hand,
To meet you in the better land."

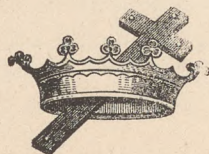
Very soon after this touching exhortation to her husband she fell asleep in Jesus.

E. W. RYAN,
H. C. SANFORD,
M. W. RIDER.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 15TH, 1876.

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Twenty-Ninth Session in the Fourth Street Church, Wheeling, March 15th, 1876—BISHOP WM. L. HARRIS, presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by the Bishop. Scripture lessons, 95th Psalm and 20th chap. Acts. The 707th Hymn was sung, and Bros. A. Martin and S. Steele led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll, and 92 members answered to the call.

On motion, J. L. Clark was unanimously re-elected Secretary, with power to appoint his assistants, and S. B. D. Prickett, C. E. Manchester, G. C. Wilding, J. B. Feather and J. W. Huggins were appointed.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Memoirs—F. Ball, B. Ison, D. H. K. Dix, J. Eichelberger.

On Public Worship—The Presiding Elder and Preachers in charge of the city churches.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—W. J. Sharpes, D. H. K. Dix, M. McNeel, F. M. Hughes, W. W. Kelley, S. E. Steele, M. Rider.

Board of Stewards, Lay—A. L. Wade, B. Davenport, James G. White, S. Billingsly, L. D. Hagar.

On Necessitous Cases—The Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—E. W. Ryan, J. R. Thompson, Dr. Blair, S. B. D. Prickett, R. M. Wallace, W. C. Wilson, W. Prettyman, Dr. A. Martin.

On Sunday Schools—B. Ison, J. P. Thatcher, R. Northcraft, J. Conwell, G. Crossfield, J. W. Griffiths, N. L. Baumgardner.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts—J. A. Kibbe, J. W. Webb, W. F. Cannan, G. Rogers, S. Hitchens, C. H. Lakin, A. T. Morriston.

On the Tract Cause—J. A. Fullerton, H. C. Sanford, W. D. Carrico, L. D. Casto, W. H. Shaw, L. D. King, V. Sanford.

On the Bible Cause—J. M. Warden, C. Conner, W. R. White, R. Weese, J. S. Freeland, B. Darlington, W. Prettyman.

On Temperance—J. J. Dolliver, L. L. Stewart, D. Tasker, W. E. Lovett, S. Lowther, W. C. Wilson, N. L. Baumgardner.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts—W. C. Snodgrass, T. B. Hughes, L. D. Casto, E. S. Wilson, W. L. Hindman, G. W. Matheney, M. Rider.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On the Observance of the Sabbath—T. W. Chidester, L. H. Jordan, W. E. Loomis, J. E. Wasson, A. R. Reiley, E. D. W. King, A. T. Morriston.

On the Publication of the Minutes—The Secretaries.

On Funds for the Publication of the Minutes—J. G. Weaver, H. C. Sanford, J. C. Rexroad, L. D. Casto, J. F. Chenowith, F. A. Trippett.

On Freedman's Aid Society—W. E. Rippey, W. G. Riheldaffer, C. H. Conway, J. E. Wasson, F. H. J. King, N. C. Beckley, J. T. Carroll.

On Postoffices—G. E. Hite, L. L. Stewart, C. S. Allemong, W. E. Lovett, H. H. Westwood, T. P. Ryan, A. T. Morriston.

On Statistics—The Secretaries.

The first question of the General Minutes, "Have any entered this Conference by transfer or readmission," was taken up, and the Bishop announced the transfer of Wesley Prettyman from the Missouri to the West Va. Conference.

On motion, 9 o'clock was fixed as the time of meeting and 11½ o'clock as the time of adjournment, provided, in all cases, that the session shall be prolonged until the minutes are read and approved.

On motion, J. A. Fullerton was appointed to collect the New York book and periodical accounts.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they were authorized to draw on the chartered fund for thirty dollars, and on motion the draft was ordered. B. Ison was appointed to receive the Episcopal fund, G. Martin to receive the collections for the expenses of delegates to the General Conference, and R. M. Wallace and J. Lee to receive the collection for the Church Extension Society.

The bar of the Conference was fixed.

A communication in relation to the orphan child of Bro. Warman was referred to the Board of Stewards; also similar communications in regard to S. D. Jones and Widow Smith.

The following resolution was offered, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been deemed expedient to change the place of holding the next General Conference from St. Louis to Baltimore, therefore,

Resolved, That the West Virginia Conference, in conference assembled, does hereby approve of said change.

The Secretary made his annual financial report.

The Secretary, as custodian of the Centenary fund, made

his report, and the interest of the fund, \$12.07, was ordered to be paid over to the Board of Stewards.

The Committee on the Joint Centenary Fund made their report, which was adopted.

Dr. Freeman, representing the Tract and Sunday School interests; Dr. McCabe, representing the Church Extension Society; Bro. Edwards, of the Western Book Concern; Dr. Scott, of the India Conference; J. D. Knox, of the Kansas Conference; and E. F. Wunderlich, of the Central German Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Scott addressed the Conference on the work in India.

Dr. Freeman spoke on the Tract and Sunday School cause.

Bro. Davenport addressed the Conference on the Stewards' work.

On motion, E. J. Stone was added to the Board of Stewards.

A communication from the Book Concern was referred to the Committee on Periodicals, &c.

J. F. Snodgrass, G. Rogers and J. W. Huggins were appointed to receive from the preachers and hand over to the appropriate committees the collections and statistics.

By the request of the Conference the Bishop answered the following question:

Question—Are local preachers who have been employed as supplies during the past year claimants upon the Conference funds?

Answer—They are not.

The Presiding Elders were requested to prepare a schedule of the various committees for next year, and report at the ensuing Conference.

The minutes were read and approved.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Scott.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, 1876.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock. The devotional service was conducted by G. Martin.

A communication from Allegheny College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the Educational Society of West Virginia Conference was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution on the election of Presiding Elders was read and laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the rules governing our former sessions, with some amendments, were adopted for the government of this session.

Bro. Prickett, as custodian of the fund from the Jones estate, for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, made a verbal report, and the Conference ordered that the interest should be added to the principal until the sum reaches \$600.

An invitation was received for the Conference to visit the Children's Home in this city, and on motion the Conference accepted the invitation.

A communication was presented from the Freedman's Aid Society, and referred to the committee on that subject.

A verbal report was made by Bro. Powell on the Pumphrey Fund, and the interest thereon was ordered to be paid to the Board of Stewards for distribution.

Dr. Dashiell, Missionary Secretary, Bro. Iliff, of the Rocky Mountain Conference, H. Z. Adams and Bro. Griffith of the Ohio Conference, Bro. Vroman of the Troy Conference, and Bro. Barnitz of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The 10th question of the General Minutes, "Was the character of each preacher examined," was taken up, and the character of S. Steele, Presiding Elder of Morgantown, passed; after which he gave an account of his District. Over eight hundred persons were reported as having been converted during the past year. E. W. Ryan, B. Ison, J. F. Snodgrass, W. J. Sharpes, J. W. Hess, W. C. Snodgrass, J. J. Dolliver, J. A. Fullerton, J. M. Warden, C. J. Trippett, D. Cool, J. A. Kibbe, W. E. Rippey, W. H. Young, J. G. Weaver, A. Martin and F. W. Wood were examined and passed.

The character of F. Ball, the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, was examined and passed; after which he reported his district to be in good condition financially

and spiritually. The benevolent contributions were as usual highly creditable. J. McKendre Reiley, J. W. Webb, C. E. Manchester, J. P. Thatcher, J. R. Thompson, G. C. Shaeffer, D. H. K. Dix, H. C. Sanford, W. C. Griffith, T. B. Hughes, L. H. Jordan, S. King, C. Conner, L. L. Stewart and W. H. Morton were examined and passed.

J. W. W. Bolton, Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, was examined and passed. He reported the district as being in good condition. Over eight hundred conversions were reported during the year, and the finances a fair average with past years. After which J. L. Clark, E. S. Wilson, C. S. Allemon, R. Northcraft, W. E. Loomis, G. Martin, W. F. Cannan, M. McNeel, W. D. Carrico, C. H. Conway, W. R. White and J. G. Blair were examined and passed.

J. W. Reger, Presiding Elder of the Buckhannon District, was examined and passed. He reported the work in good condition; after which F. M. Hughes, L. D. Casto, J. Conwell, S. B. D. Preckitt, J. E. Wasson and R. Weese, were examined and passed.

A. Hall, Presiding Elder of the Parkersburg District, was examined and passed. He reported that the disastrous floods of the past summer had seriously affected the financial interests of the district; great spiritual prosperity had gladdened the hearts of the toilers, and large accessions had been made to the church. After which A. R. Reiley, W. H. Shaw, T. R. Faulkner, J. F. Chenowith, S. Hitchens, W. W. Kelley, R. M. Wallace, G. Crossfield, J. S. Freeland, S. Lowther, W. L. Hindman, F. H. J. King and R. S. Welsh were examined and passed.

J. M. Powell was examined and passed, and surprised by the preachers of his district presenting him with a watch. He reported that notwithstanding the great financial pressure, they had been favored with spiritual prosperity, about twelve hundred having been converted and added to the church. After which W. M. Mullenix, N. C. Beckley, J. T. Davis, B. Darlington, B. Hagar, W. C. Wilson, S. E. Steele, J. A. H. Wilson, C. H. Lakin, G. W. McClelland and J. W. Griffiths were examined and passed.

On motion, W. C. Wilson was elected Conference Missionary Treasurer, and W. R. White, Assistant.

Dr. McCabe presented the interests of the Church Extension Society, urging the preachers to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the report of the Board.

Dr. Dashiell addressed the Conference on the interests of the Missionary cause.

The Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, the minutes were read and approved.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Dashiell.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1876.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by A. R. Riley.

Drs. Painter and Rothwiler were introduced to the Conference

The credentials of Hubbard Prince, a local deacon who had withdrawn from the church, and John Trainer, a local deacon who had been expelled, were presented and placed on file by the secretary.

The time for electing delegates to the General Conference was fixed for 10½ o'clock.

The first question of General Minutes was resumed, and A. J. Lyda was readmitted and granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

The fourth question of the General Minutes, "who are admitted into full connection," was taken up, and the following young preachers, who had traveled for two years, were called to the altar, and, after the usual disciplinary questions were answered and the customary charges given to them by the Bishop, and each one being favorably reported as to standing and attainments, were admitted to full connection and elected to Deacon's orders: N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, E. D. W. Buckner, W. A. Chevront, W. Wris-ten, W. T. Lewis, A. D. Perry, G. W. Parriott, R. P. Van Meter. F. G. W. Ford was admitted, being a deacon. J. C. Sidebottom was admitted, being an elder.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: the election of delegates to the General Conference, and Wesley Pretty-

man, J. R. Thompson and A. R. Reiley were appointed tellers. After collecting the ballots, the tellers had permission to retire, accompanied by one of the secretaries, to count the votes and report, the Conference meanwhile proceeding with its business.

The Committee on Education made their report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The tenth question of the General Minutes was resumed, and T. H. Trainer, Presiding Elder of the Guyandotte District, was examined and passed. He stated that the preachers had toiled faithfully amid many discouragements. The spiritual prosperity was gratifying. After which M. W. Rider, A. T. Morriston, N. L. Baumgardner, V. Sanford, J. T. Carroll and W. Prettyman were examined and passed.

The third question of the General Minutes, "who remain on trial," was taken up, and C. Warman, J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford and C. Crawford were continued on trial.

The sixth question of the General Minutes, "who are the deacons of the second class," was taken up, and J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, J. Lee, E. C. Woodruff and J. T. Eichelberger were examined and passed.

The seventh question of the General Minutes, "who have been elected and ordained elders this year," and H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, J. S. Laughlin, M. A. W. Young, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, W. C. Griffith, E. C. Woodruff, J. Lee and J. T. Eichelberger were passed and elected to Elder's orders.

The tellers reported number of votes cast 125, necessary to a choice 63. No one having that many, there was no election. Another ballot was ordered, the ballots collected and the tellers retired.

On motion the time of the session was extended.

The eighth question of the General Minutes, "who are the supernumerary preachers," was taken up, and J. B. Pinchen, F. Ford, S. E. Dawson, J. N. Eckess, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, J. T. Eichelberger, W. H. Satterfield, E. L. Nicholson, R. L. Woodyard and R. Brooks were continued in a supernumerary relation. G. Rogers was made effective, A. J. Lyon was reported as withdrawn, M. Fitchenel was superannuated, and the Secretary was in-

structed to convey to Bro. Fitchenel the assurance of the sympathy and the prayers of the Conference for him in his afflictions.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes cast 119, necessary to a choice 60. J. W. W. Bolton having received 61, was declared elected.

Dr. A. Martin was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by J. McK. Reiley.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 18, 1876.

Conference met at 9 o'clock.

Religious services by J. J. Dolliver.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The third ballot for delegates was taken and the tellers retired.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Conference be instructed to use their influence to have the boundary lines of our Conference so changed that hereafter the State lines shall constitute the Conference line.

J. M. POWELL, C. E. MANCHESTER,
GEO. C. WILDING, J. L. CLARK.

A communication from Mount Union College was read and placed on file, and the following appointed as a visiting committee: F. Ball, W. R. White, H. K. List.

The ninth question of the General Minutes was resumed, and G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, J. B. Beaty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones and B. F. Rogers were continued in a superannuated relation. J. B. Feather was made effective. R. Hagar withdrawn under complaints.

The tellers reported the result of the third ballot, and there was no election. A fourth ballot was ordered, and the tellers retired.

Dr. McClure, of the United Presbyterian Church, Bro.

Moffat of the Second Presbyterian Church, and D. Prosser of the Erie Conference, were introduced.

The nineteenth question of the General Minutes, "have any local preachers been ordained," was taken up, and Wm. Conway, Stephen Cummings and H. Scott were elected to Deacon's orders, and J. M. Davis was elected to Elder's orders.

A committee from the Lay Electoral Conference presented a report of their proceedings, which, on motion, was ordered to be published in the Conference Minutes, and the committee was introduced to the Conference.

The tellers reported as the result of the fourth ballot, no election. A fifth ballot was ordered, and the tellers retired.

A resolution on changing the time of holding the session of our Conference, was read and made the order of the day for Monday morning.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by the West Virginia Annual Conference, That we hereby recognize the great importance of establishing a seminary of learning at some point within the limits of our territory, and that a committee of three discreet members of this Conference be appointed to receive propositions from the different towns and cities of the State for its location, and report the same to the next Conference for definite and final action thereon.

J. G. BLAIR,
S. STEELE.

On motion, J. G. Blair, J. W. Reger and E. W. Ryan were appointed the committee.

The tellers reported the result of the fifth ballot: whole number of votes 113, necessary to a choice 57. J. M. Powell having received 67, was declared elected.

The sixth ballot was ordered, and the tellers retired.

A communication on temperance was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint Bro. F. W. Wood as Business Secretary of Mount Union College, and Missionary of the American Board.

Consent was given for the sale of church property in the bounds of Winfield Circuit.

The Conference Treasurer of the missionary money made his report, which was adopted.

The annual report of the General Book Committee was read and placed on file.

The tellers reported no election as the result of the sixth ballot. The seventh ballot was ordered, and the tellers retired.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was read and debated, but not adopted.

The tellers reported the result of the seventh ballot: whole number of votes, 113; necessary to a choice, 57. D. H. K. Dix received 63, and was declared elected.

On motion, the two who received the next highest vote on the last ballot were declared elected. A. Hall received 21, and F. Ball 18.

On motion, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

The Centennial Sermon was arranged for Sunday night.

The Stewards made their reports, which were adopted.

A communication on the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders to apportion on the several districts.

Resolutions complimentary to W. M. Mullenix were adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by T. H. Trainer.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 20, 1876.

Conference met at 8 o'clock. Religious services by R. Northcraft.

The Bishop presented a certificate of the ordination of those who had been elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders by the Conference.

J. S. Laughlin was granted a superannuated relation.

Dr. Bugbee, President of Allegheny College, was introduced to and addressed the Conference on the interests of Allegheny College.

On motion, the points presented by Dr. Bugbee were referred to the Committee on Education, and the committee had leave to retire.

The Committee on Memoirs made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Secretary reported the statistics, and the aggregate was read.

The twenty-third question of the General Minutes, "when and where shall the next Conference be held," was taken up. Answer—Time not given; place, Grafton was unanimously chosen.

The Bishop reported the Committees of Examination for the ensuing year.

The Presiding Elders reported the Triers of Appeals.

The Committee on Education presented report number 2, which was read and adopted.

On motion, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The order of the day, being a resolution on a change of time for holding the session of our Conference, was taken up, amended and laid upon the table.

Consent was given to the sale of church property within the bounds of Sistersville Circuit.

A resolution congratulating the Indiana Asbury University on their selection of Dr. A. Martin as its President, was adopted.

A complimentary resolution on Bishop Harris was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to railroad companies, steamboats, churches, &c. was adopted.

A complimentary resolution in regard to Bro. W. C. Griffith was adopted.

A resolution in regard to the Pittsburg Advocate was adopted.

The reports of the following committees were read and adopted: To audit Presiding Elders' Accounts; on Sunday Schools; on the Episcopal Fund; on Temperance; on the Bible Cause; on the Tract Cause; on the Observance of the Sabbath; on Funds for the Expenses of Delegates to General Conference; on Funds to Publish Minutes; on the Freedman's Aid Society; on Bequest of Mrs. Burns, G. Martin and B. F. Swisher were appointed Trustees to make final settlement.

Sister Boyd, Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, read the annual report.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned.

After singing the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by W. C. Wilson.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 20, 1876.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, G. Martin in the chair.

Religious services by Bro. Prettyman.

On motion, J. W. Reger and L. D. Casto were granted leave of absence.

A collection for the Secretary's expenses was taken up, amounting to \$9.90. A collection was also taken up for the sexton.

J. A. H. Wilson was granted a location at his own request, and B. Ison was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Committee on Missions made their reports 1 and 2, which were read and adopted.

The Bishop announced the transfer of William M. West from the Baltimore to the West Virginia Conference.

Bro. Lyda made a verbal report on the James Ward bequest, and Bro. Lyda and the Presiding Elder of the Buckhannon District were appointed a committee to secure it.

A resolution in regard to Bro. McClelland was adopted.

A resolution in regard to Conference funds was adopted, and W. E. Rippey and J. W. Webb were appointed a committee to carry out its requirement.

A resolution of thanks to Thos. Hornbrook, Esq. for temperance documents, was adopted.

A resolution on worldly amusements was adopted.

A resolution complimentary to Dr. A. Martin was adopted.

The Committee on Church Extension Funds made their report, which was adopted.

On motion, the Conference resolved to adjourn *sine die*, after reading and approving the minutes, and having devotional exercises, and receiving the appointments.

The minutes were approved.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. Ison.

The Bishop read the appointments, and after the singing of the doxology, pronounced the benediction.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-admission?

ANSWER. By Transfer, W. Prettyman, W. M. West—2. By Readmission, A. J. Lyda—1.

QUESTION 2. Who are admitted on Trial?

ANSWER. Isaiah C. Paugh, Stephen Cummings, Charles R. Shackelford, H. Scott—4.

QUESTION 3. Who remain on Trial?

ANSWER. C. Warman, J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford—4.

QUESTION 4. Who are admitted into full Connection?

ANSWER. N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, E. D. W. Buckner, W. A. Cheuvront, W. Wristen, W. T. Lewis, A. D. Perry, G. W. Parriott, R. P. Vanmeter, F. G. W. Ford, J. C. Sidebottom—16.

QUESTION 5. Who are the Deacons of the First Class?

ANSWER. N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, E. D. W. Buckner, W. A. Cheuvront, W. Wristen, W. T. Lewis, G. W. Parriott, R. P. Vanmeter—13.

QUESTION 6. Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?

ANSWER. J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, F. G. W. Ford—4.

QUESTION 7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANSWER. H. J. Boatman, T. W. Chidester, H. H. Westwood, W. E. Lovett, F. A. Trippett, J. S. Laughlin, M. A. W. Young, G. E. Hite, D. Tasker, J. C. Rexroad, W. C. Griffith, E. C. Woodruff, J. Lee—13.

QUESTION 8. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANSWER. J. B. Pinchen, E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, J. N. Eckess, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, J. T. Eichelberger, W. H. Satterfield, R. L. Woodyard, R. Brooks, E. L. Nicholson, J. W. Reger, B. Ison—14.

QUESTION 9. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

ANSWER. A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, S. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, J. B. Beatty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, M. Titchenel, J. S. Laughlin—15.

QUESTION 10. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

ANSWER. Their names were called over before the Conference, and their characters passed.

QUESTION 11. Have any Located?

ANSWER. J. A. H. Wilson—1.

QUESTION 12. Have any withdrawn?

ANSWER. A. J. Lyons, R. Hagar—2.

QUESTION 13. Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?

ANSWER. W. M. Mullenix and G. W. McClelland to the Kentucky

Conference; W. C. Griffith, to the Baltimore Conference; J. T. McCartney, to the North Ohio Conference; A. Martin, D. D., to the Indiana Conference—5.

QUESTION 14. Have any been Expelled?

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. Have any Died?

ANSWER. T. M. Hartley, M. Dowler—2. (See memoirs.)

QUESTION 16. What is the Statistical Report?

ANSWER. See Statistics.

QUESTION 17. What are the Claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANSWER. Twenty-five hundred dollars.

QUESTION 18. What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.	From Circuits and Stations.....	\$1,002 31
	From Chartered Fund.....	30 00
	Interest from Pumphrey Fund.....	141 10
	Int. from fund in hand of S. Steele.....	6 50
	“ “ “ “ J. L. Clark..	12 10
	“ “ “ “ W. M. Mullenix	10 00—\$1,202 01

Applied as follows:

F. Guthrie.....\$125	G. C. Wilding.	Bro. Warman's child..\$10
R. L. Brooks..... 125	Self.	G. W. Matheney..... 50 Self.
A. Dixon..... 125	W. H. Shaw.	D. S. Benedum..... 50 Allemong.
Widow Hartley..... 75	F. Ball.	G. W. Williams..... 60 —
“ Richmond. 25	John Trussell.	J. C. Sidebottom..... 50
“ Battelle ... 25		J. W. Bedford..... 60 E. J. Stone.
“ Irwin..... 25	G. Martin.	J. S. Laughlin..... 25 Northcraft.
“ Burns..... 25	“	R. P. Vanmeter..... 10 Self.
“ Smith..... 50	Dr. Reiley.	C. Warman..... 10 Self.
“ Blundin..... 75	W. M. Mullenix.	R. Northcraft..... 10 Self.
“ Monroe..... 25	G. C. Wilding.	F. H. J. Kiag..... 25 Self.
H. J. Boatman..... 10	Self.	C. Crawford..... 20 Self.
B. Hagar..... 15	L. D. Hagar.	N. L. Baumgardner... 10 J. G. White.
V. Sanford..... 10	Trainer.	W. T. Lewis..... 25 do.
J. T. Carroll..... 20	Trainer.	W. Wristen..... 10 do.
A. D. Perry..... 20	Self.	S. D. Jones..... 12 01
		6 80— \$1,202 01

QUESTION 19. Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?

ANSWER. Deacons W. B. Conway, S. Cummings, H. Scott, W. N. Stewart—4. Elder J. M. Davis—1.

QUESTION 20. Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

ANSWER. Alleghany College—in good condition.

QUESTION 21. Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

ANSWER. F. Ball, President; C. D. Hubbard, Vice President; C. E. Manchester, Corresponding Secretary; John Bailie, Recording Secretary; James Reed, Treasurer. Additional members, W. C. Snodgrass, A. M. Adams, B. Davenport.

QUESTION 22. Where are the Preachers stationed?

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in Charge.	State in Ministry.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Morgantown District.	S Steele, P E.	3	Elder.	Morgantown.	Mo'ngalia.	W. Va
" Station	J R Thompson	1	"	"	"	"
" Circuit	To be supplied.	1	"	"	"	"
Smithtown	F G W Ford.	1	Deac'n	Smithtown.	"	"
Monongalia.	J F Snodgrass	2	Elder.	Granville.	"	"
Brandonville.	W J Sharpe	3	"	Brandonville	Preston.	"
"	One to be suppl'd	2	"	"	"	"
Pleasant Hill	J W Hess	2	Elder.	Portland.	"	"
Grantsville.	T W Chidester.	2	"	Grantsville.	Garrett.	Md.
Kingwood	W Prettyman.	1	"	Kingwood.	Preston.	W. V
Masontown	J J Dolliver.	3	"	Morgantown.	Mo'ngalia.	"
Oakland	J A Fullerton	2	"	Oakland.	Garrett.	Md.
Deer Park	To be supplied.	2	"	Deer Park.	"	"
Newburg	J M Warden	3	Elder.	Newburg.	Preston.	W. Va
Rowlesburg	S E Jones	1	Deac'n	Rowlesburg.	"	"
Evansville.	C J Trippett.	2	Elder.	Evansville.	"	"
Pleasant Grove	D Cool.	2	"	"	"	"
Grafton	J A Kibbe	3	"	Grafton.	Taylor.	"
Knottsville.	W E Rippey	2	"	Knottsville.	"	"
Fetterman	J Lee.	3	"	Fetterman.	"	"
Palatine.	J B Feather.	1	"	Palatine.	Marion.	"
St. George.	J G Weaver.	3	"	St. George.	Tucker.	"
Thornton	To be supplied.	2	"	Thornton.	Taylor.	"
Wheeling District.	F Ball, P E.	4	Elder.	Wheeling.	Ohio.	"
Fourth Street	J McK Reiley	3	"	"	"	"
North Street	G C Wilding.	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
Thomson Ch.	C E Manchester	2	Elder.	"	"	"
Zane Street	J P Thatcher.	2	"	"	"	"
Chapline St.	W C Snodgrass.	1	"	"	"	"
Wesley Ch'rch	W M West.	1	"	"	"	"
Fulton	G E Hite	1	"	"	"	"
Marshall	D H K Dix.	3	"	Sherrard	Marshall.	"
Moundsville.	H C Sanford	2	"	Moundsville.	Marshall.	"
N. Martinsville	W G Riheldaffer	2	Deac'n	N. Martinsville	Wetzel.	"
"	One to be suppl'd	2	"	"	"	"
Greene	M A W Young	1	Elder.	Bellton.	Marshall.	"
Cameron	J L Clark	1	"	Cameron.	"	"
Grave Creek	W L Hindman.	1	"	Moundsville	"	"
"	One to be suppl'd	2	"	"	"	"
Dallas	S King	2	Elder.	Dallas	"	"
Sh't Ck. & Liberty	G C Shaeffer	1	"	West Liberty.	Ohio	"
Triadelphia	L H Jordan	1	"	Triadelphia	"	"
Benwood	C Conner	1	"	Benwood	Marshall.	"
F. W. Wood *						
W. H. Morton †						
Clarksburg District	J W W Bolton, P E	3	Elder.	Worthington.	Marion	"
Station	S Lowther.	1	"	Clarksburg.	Harrison.	"
West Milford.	W W Kelley.	1	"	West Milford.	"	"
"	Isaiah C Paugh.	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
Wilsonburg.	J C Rexroad	2	Elder.	Wilsonburg.	"	"
"	J H Hess.	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
Cherry Camp.	C S Allemong	3	Elder.	Cherry Camp.	"	"
Smithton	T Tasker.	3	"	Smithton.	Doddridge	"
Lumberport.	R Northcraft.	2	"	Fairmont.	Marion.	"
Pruitttown	W E Loomis	3	"	Pruitttown.	Taylor	"
Bridgeport	To be supplied.	2	"	Bridgeport.	Harrison.	"
Fairmont	G Martin	2	Elder.	Fairmont.	Marion	"
Marion	W F Cannan.	3	"	Barracksville.	"	"
Mannington	M McNeel	2	"	Mannington.	"	"
Pine Grove.	N B Johnson.	2	Deac'n	Pine Grove.	Wetzel	"
Blacksville	C H Conway	2	Elder.	Blacksville.	Mo'ngalia.	"
Jollytown	W D Carico.	2	"	Jollytown.	Greene	Pa.
"	E D Buckner	1	Deac'n.	"	"	Ps.
Littleton	G W Parriott	2	"	Bellton.	Marshall.	W. Va.
W R. White	{ Agt. Am. B. So. }				Members of	
J. G. Blair	{ Prin. St'te N. S. }				Fairmont	
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* Business Secretary Mt. Union College and Missionary of the American and Foreign Christian Union. † Secretary W. Va. Educational Society. Members of Thomson Quarterly Conference.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs. in Ch'ge.	State in Ministry.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE
Buckhannon District.	T B Hughes, P E	1	Elder.	Buckhannon..	Upshur ..	W. Va.
" Station	E S Wilson.....	1	"	"	"	"
" Circuit	L D Casto.....	2	"	"	"	"
Phillippi	F M Hughes.....	1	"	Phillippi.....	Barbour ..	"
Upshur	J Conwell.....	1	"	"	"	"
Beverly	A Mick	1	Deac'n	Beverly.....	Randolph ..	"
Sutton	G Rogers.....	1	Elder.	Sutton.....	Braxton ..	"
Webster	To be Supplied ..					
Frenchton	W E Lovett.....	2	Elder.	Centreville ..	Upshur ..	W. Va.
Canaan	C Warman.....	2	On Tr'l	"	"	"
Weston	S B D Prickett.....	2	Elder.	Weston	Lewis	W. V
Glenville	J E Wasson.....	1	"	Glenville	Gilmer.....	"
Randolph	To be Supplied ..					
Freemansburg.....	R Weese.....	3	Elder.	"	"	"
Parkersburg District.	A Hall, P E.....	3	Elder.	Parkersburg..	Wood	W. Va.
" Station	A R Reley.....	3	"	"	"	"
" Circuit.	W H Shaw.....	2	"	"	"	"
Williamstown	L D King.....	1	Deac'n	Williamstown ..	"	"
Mt. Pleasant.....	J F Chenowith ..	3	Elder.	"	"	"
Volcano	S Hitchens.....	2	"	Volcano	Wood	W. Va.
Murraysville	H H Westwood ..	2	"	Bellville	Jackson ..	"
Ravenswood.....	B Darlington ..	1	"	Ravenswood.....	"	"
Harrisville	R M Wallace.....	2	"	Harrisville	Ritchie ..	"
Elizabeth	W T Lewis.....	1	Deac'n	Elizabeth	Wirt.....	"
Ellenboro.....	C H Lakin.....	1	El. er.	Ellenboro	Ritchie ..	"
"	One to be Suppl'd					
Burning Springs ..	T R Faulkner ..	1	Elder.	Burning Springs	Wirt.....	W. Va.
West Union	W H Young.....	1	"	West Union.....	Doddridge ..	"
Sistersville.....	E C Woodruff.....	1	"	Sistersville.....	Tyler	"
St. Mary's.....	To be Supplied ..			St. Mary's.....	Pleasants ..	"
Middlebourne.....	H J Boorman.....	1	Elder.	Middlebourne ..	Tyler	"
Centreville	R S Welsh.....	3	"	Centreville	"	"
Charleston District.	S E Steele P E ..	1	Elder.	Kanawha C. H ..	Kanawha ..	W. Va.
" Station	E W Ryan.....	1	"	"	"	"
" Circuit.	F A Trippett.....	2	"	"	"	"
Nicholas	F H J King.....	1	"	Summersville.....	Nicholas ..	"
Mountain Cove.....	J T Davis.....	3	"	Mount'n Cove ..	Fayette ..	"
Melden	G Crossfield.....	1	"	Kan'a Salines.....	Kanawha ..	"
Elk River	J T Carroll.....	1	"	Clendennin	"	"
Mill Creek	T P Ryan.....	1	Deac'n	Fisher's Point ..	Jackson ..	"
Point Pleasant ..	L L Stewart.....	1	Elder.	Pt. Pleasant.....	Mason	"
Leon	E D W King.....	1	Deac'n	Leon	Mason	"
Clifton	W C Wilson.....	2	Elder.	Clifton	Mason	W. Va.
Hartford City.....	J M Powell.....	1	"	Hartford City ..	"	"
Mason City.....	M W Rider.....	1	"	Mason City	"	"
Spencer	N C Beckley.....	1	"	Spencer	Roane	"
B H Creek.....	H Scott.....	1	On Tr'l	Big Sycamore	Clay	"
Smithville.....	J W Griffiths.....	1	Elder.	"	"	"
Arnoldsbu'rg.....	C R Shackelford ..	1	On Tr'l	Arnoldsbu'rg ..	Rome	W. Va.
Jarrett's Ford.....	B Hagan.....					
Riley	To be Supplied ..					
Guyandotte District.	T H Trainer, P E	3	Elder.	Guyandotte.....	Cabell	W. Va.
" Station	J W Huggins.....	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
Huntington	J W Webb.....	1	Elder	Huntington	"	"
Barboursville.....	J C Sidebottom ..	2	"	Barboursville ..	"	"
Wayn	A T Morrison.....	3	"	Buffalo Shoals ..	Wayne.....	"
Ceredo	J S Freeland.....	1	"	Ceredo	"	"
Monticelo.....	To be Supplied ..					
Winfield	J W Bedford.....	1	On Tr'l	Winfield	Putnam ..	W. Va.
Hamlin	V Sanford.....	2	Elder.	"	"	"
Coal River	To be Supplied ..					
St. Albans & Milton	"					
Boone	G H Williams.....	2	Deac'n	"	"	"
Logan	To be Supplied ..					
Fayette	N L Baumgardner ..	1	Elder.	Fayetteville.....	Fayette ..	W. Va.
McCreer	C Crawford.....	1	On Tr'l	"	"	"
Raleigh	R P Vanmeter.....	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
Summers	W Wristen.....	1	"	"	"	"
Coalsburg	W A Chevront.....	1	"	"	"	"
Wyoming	To be Supplied ..					
Cassville	A D Perry.....	1	Deac'n	"	"	"
McDowell.....	To be Supplied ..					

W M Mullenix and G W McClelland transferred to the Kentucky Conference; J T McCauley to North Ohio Conference; W C Griffith to Baltimore Conference; A Martin, DD, to Indiana C.

MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE

QUESTION 23. Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER. At Grafton, Taylor county, West Va. Time not given.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, &C.

First Year—J. B. Feather, C. E. Manchester, A. Mick.

Second Year—S. Lowther, B. Ison, N. L. Baumgardner.

Third Year—S. Hitchens, F. M. Hughes, W. F. Cannan.

Fourth Year—W. C. Wilson, J. E. Wasson, D. H. K. Dix.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL:

J. Conwell,

M. W. Rider,

W. W. Kelley.

LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS:

B. Darlington,

L. H. Jordan,

A. T. Morriston.

LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDER'S ORDERS:

G. Martin,

W. Prettyman,

J. W. Webb.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON:

W. Prettyman.

Alternate—W. C. Snodgrass.

TRIERS OF APPEALS:

James M. Warden,

J. L. Clark,

M. McNeel,

F. M. Hughes,

R. M. Wallace,

N. C. Beckley,

J. W. Webb.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

WHEELING, March 20, 1876.

The Board report the amount necessary for the support of claimants and necessitous cases, for the ensuing year, at twenty-five hundred dollars, (\$2,500,) and apportion, as follows, among the several districts :

Morgantown.....	\$550	Parkersburg.....	\$375
Wheeling.....	700	Charleston	225
Clarksburg	425	Guyandotte.....	75
Buckhannon.....	150	Total.....	\$2500

The deficiency in the claims of preachers this year is very large and we regret to say exceeds the deficiency of last year \$1200.

The collections for the Conference claimants show an increase over last year of \$72, which, under the circumstances of the financial depression, is gratifying ; yet we must again urge the church to greater efforts in this direction. We believe that it is the duty of our preachers to call the attention of our more wealthy members to the fund that is being made in behalf of this class of claims, and we hope the fund will be largely increased by the bequests which should be made.

The Board recommends that a committee be appointed to report to the next session of the Conference, the amount of funds under the control of the Conference, and what class of security is held.

An improvement is manifest in preparing the data for the financial report ; but there is great room for improvement. The presiding elder would greatly facilitate the work of the Conference stewards by preparing the statements as provided for in the resolutions of the last session, in regard to this matter.

The thanks of the Board are due the Presiding Elders of Morgantown and Parkersburg Districts for the very prompt furnishing of reports, which saved much time and labor to the Board.

Attention of preachers is called to resolutions of last session, in regard to having *written* statements giving information of the condition of Conference claimants furnished the Board of Stewards, so that the funds can be most judiciously appropriated.

Respectfully submitted.

D. H. K. DIX, President.
B. DAVENPORT,
E. J. STONE, Sec'y.

ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Morgantown District.....	\$55 76	Parkersburg District.....	\$ 43 15
Wheeling " 	89 60	Charleston " 	20 50
Clarksburg " 	21 95	Guyandotte " 	5 76
Buckhannon " 	9 00		
Total.....			\$245 71

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Received from the Morgantown District.....	\$ 26 75
" " Wheeling " 	33 70
" " Clarksburg " 	9 50
" " Buckhannon " 	6 78
" " Parkersburg " 	17 80
" " Charleston " 	7 05
" " Guyandotte " 	3 50
Collected by a colored man named Guinea.....	4 25
Total.....	\$110 25

This is an increase of \$8.23 over last year. The Board of Managers have assessed this Conference \$750, which is apportioned as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$200 00	Parkersburg District.....	\$100 00
Wheeling " 	200 00	Charleston " 	50 00
Buckhannon " 	75 00	Guyandotte " 	50 00
Clarksburg " 	75 00		
Total.....			\$750 00

Respectfully submitted.

ON PUMPHREY BEQUEST.

The money received from the Pumphrey Estate has been loaned, as directed by the Conference, being secured by deed of trust on real estate, at 8 per cent.

J. M. POWELL,

A. J. LYDA.

WHEELING, W. Va. March 16, 1876.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Balance due the Secretary from last year.....	\$ 1 83
Expenses on Conference trunk to and from Conference..	1 00
Expressage on additional trunk from Wheeling.....	60
Stationery.....	1 00
Conference Statistical Envelopes, &c.....	5 37
Postage on Documents, &c.....	1 35—\$11 15

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Collection from the Conference.....	11 23
Balance.....	\$ 03

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The usual resolutions were adopted lamenting the desolations of Intemperance, opposing the sale and use of ardent spirits, expressing hearty sympathy with all existing temperance organizations, and exhorting against the proposed sale of liquors on the centennial grounds at Philadelphia.

ON EDUCATION.

NO. I.

Inasmuch as the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Virginia has no school of its own in the State, it is a matter for serious consideration whether we should not, as soon as possible, take steps for the organization of such an institution, in which Christian faith and liberal letters may, in kindest relations, be cultivated, free from the destroying power of sectarian bigotry and partisan intolerance. Meanwhile, and until Providence more clearly indicates the path of duty in this respect, we can with pleasure point to Dickinson College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and to Mount Union College, on our immediate borders, and especially to Asbury University and to Allegheny College, where our sons and daughters, without any charge for tuition, can receive the highest and best education.

To Allegheny College we are bound by many strong ties, besides the formal one of a joint patronage and control in common with the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences. We rejoice to learn that under the vigorous administration of President Bugbee, so auspiciously begun, various and much needed improvements are being made, and that the institution in all its departments begins to feel the pulsations of a new life.

The report of Bro. N. Goff shows an amount of \$1924.60 in cash, notes and bonds, to the credit of our Conference Educational Society.

We have also, at the request of Dr. Alexander Martin, audited a book of notes and accounts, the proceeds of a small appropriation made at two sessions of our Conference, and an annual contribution by our beloved and honored brother, Col. H. K. List, to beneficiaries of this Conference. We report said accounts and vouchers correct.

We respectfully report the following resolutions for adoption by the Conference, viz:

Resolved, 1. That we are as much as ever in favor of popular free-school education, and trust this important interest will be faithfully and jealously conserved by the people.

2. That we rejoice in the prosperity of Allegheny College, to which this Conference sustains an official relation, and commend it unhesitatingly to the confidence and support of all our people.

2. That Revs. W. H. Morton, W. R. White, and Hon. B. F. Martin,

be appointed to represent this Conference on the Board of Control, and also Conference visitors at Allegheny College.

4. That the notes given by our Conference beneficiaries, in accordance with a form drawn up by Hon. Ralph Berkshire, be placed in the hands of Bro. Nathan Goff, Treasurer of our Educational Society, with instruction that when they are paid, they be invested in the name and in the interests of said Society.

5. That a special centennial collection be taken up this year at all our appointments, in accordance with the action of last General Conference, and that the proceeds be divided—one-half to our Educational Society, and the other half to our Preachers' Aid Society.

NO. II.

Resolved, 1. That we will endeavor to send students from our charges this year to Allegheny College.

2. That we will carry out the provisions of the Discipline on the Centennial of American Independence touching our Educational interests, and that we will endeavor to secure a thank-offering from our people for this purpose, to be held as a fund in accordance with a previous resolution; the proceeds of the educational portion of it to be appropriated to Allegheny College until we have an institution of our own.

COMMITTEE.

NO. III.

Nathan Goff, Treasurer of Educational Fund, presents the following as his report to the West Virginia Conference for the year ending in March, 1876:

To amount of cash, notes and U. S. Government 5-20 bonds.....	\$1,924 60
Arthur's note.	215 80
Total amount available.....	\$1,708 80

NATHAN GOFF, Treasurer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Presiding Elders, after due examination, report the same correct.

T. B. HUGHES, Chairman.

ON TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on the Tract cause beg leave to report, that we have received for the same, the sum of \$81.55. We submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the duty of this Conference, so far as possible, to

take a collection for the Tract Society, in all its charges, and to use diligently the facilities placed at its disposal by the same.

We would also advise the formation of societies wherever practical, for the purpose of attending to systematic distribution of tracts from house to house.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The sacred observance of the Sabbath is a duty enjoined alike upon all, by the fitness of things, and experience, carrying with it the authority of Divine command. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we deplore the violation of the sanctity of the Lord's day, by many who are scrupulous in reference to other moral claims; that we censure *all* pleasure excursions and worldly diversions on that day.

2. That we respectfully request the civil officers to enforce the laws now on the statute-books in relation to the Sabbath, and heartily approve the State law prohibiting secular employments on that holy day.

3. That each pastor *should* preach at least once, in each congregation, on this subject, during the year.

SECRETARY AS CUSTODIAN OF CONFERENCE MONEY.

I have in my care \$164.80, being our share of the Joint Centenary Fund. A part of the year it was deposited in bank at six per cent.; the balance of the year it has been loaned to Bro. Northcraft at 8 per cent., and a deed of trust on real estate to secure it. The proceeds of the year amount to \$12.07. This amount I am ready to hand over to the Stewards for the superannuated preachers, &c. Twenty cents I have transferred to the principal to make it \$165.

JAMES L. CLARK.

WHEELING, March 15, 1876.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

Your Committee attended the session of the Pittsburgh Conference, held at Alliance, Ohio, and brought before them our centenary business. The Pittsburgh Conference went back on its former action in this matter. They confirmed the decision of their committee, and so cut us off from any farther claim. Their action being final, we have no unsettled business with them, and submit this as our final report.

CASE OF E. L. NICHOLSON.

The committee to whom was referred the case of E. L. Nicholson, beg leave to submit the following report:

That we have gathered what information we could touching his case, together with his own written statement, and from the information at our command, recommend that his character pass, and if suitable work cannot be provided for him, that his present relation be continued.

E. W. RYAN,
G. MARTIN,
F. BALL.

ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Distribution by Districts of the amounts to be raised for Church Extension purposes the present year, and would suggest an early attention during this conference year to the claims of the society:

I. Morgantown District.....	\$115
II. Wheeling ".....	140
III. Clarksburg ".....	100
IV. Buckhannon ".....	80
V. Parkersburg ".....	70
VI. Charleston ".....	70
VII. Guyandotte ".....	70
Total	\$645

F. BALL, Chairman.
SAMUEL STEELE, Secretary.

WHEELING, March 20, 1876.

ON MISSIONS.

Apportionment to be raised within the bounds of the Conference the ensuing conference year, for Missions:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 900	Parkersburg District	\$ 700
Wheeling ".....	1800	Charleston ".....	450
Clarksburg ".....	600	Guyandotte ".....	200
Buckhannon ".....	300		
Total.....			\$5050

F. BALL, Chairman,
SAMUEL STEELE, Secretary.

WHEELING, W. Va. 20th March, 1876,

DISTRIBUTION OF EPISCOPAL FUNDS.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 140	Parkersburg District.....	\$ 100
Wheeling ".....	170	Charleston ".....	100
Clarksburg ".....	120	Guyandotte ".....	80
Buckhannon ".....	80		
Total.....			\$800

ON BURNS' BEQUEST.

Committee on this bequest report: That the difficulty is now in a fair way of being settled by compromise, by which the entire bequest, and at least a portion of the proceeds arising therefrom, will be secured to the church. And your Committee recommends the appointment of two trustees, one layman and one minister, in the place of Rev. Thomas H. Monroe and Dr. James Drummond, removed from the State, who shall have full power to effect a settlement on the most favorable terms to the church. Therefore,

Resolved, That B. F. Swisher and Rev. G. Martin be, and they are hereby duly appointed trustees for the West Virginia Conference, in the bequest case of Mrs. Philadelphia Burns, in the place of said Monroe and Drummond.

G. MARTIN,

JAMES W. W. BOLTON,

F. BALL.

ON EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GEN. CONFERENCE.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station.....	\$ 4 10	Kingwood.....	\$ 4 00
Palatine.....	1 35	Smithtown.....	1 80
Newburg.....	2 00		— \$ 13 25

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Fourth Street.....	\$ 12 00	Moundsville.....	\$ 4 00
Thomson Church.....	5 00	Benwood.....	1 50
Zane Street.....	5 00	Grave Creek.....	3 00
Chapline Street.....	6 00	Cameron.....	2 00
Wesley Church.....	2 00	New Martinsville.....	1 50
Marshall.....	3 00	Short Cr'k and Liberty	3 80
Dallas.....	2 00		— 50 80

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg.....	\$ 2 90	Marion.....	5 00
Pruntytown.....	1 50	Blacksville.....	2 50
Jollytown.....	2 00	West Milford.....	2 00
Fairmont.....	2 75	Pine Grove.....	1 00
Bridgeport.....	1 00	Salem.....	2 00
Smithton.....	2 00		— 24 65

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

Weston.....	2 00		— 2 00
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PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Sistersville.....	1 10	Middlebourne.....	25
			— 1 35

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Point Pleasant.....	2 00	Spencer.....	2 00
Hartford City.....	1 45	Nicholas.....	3 00
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GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Huntington.....	1 00	Guyandotte.....	1 10
Mercer.....	1 00	Winfield.....	50
Barboursville.....	1 00		— 4 60

Total\$105 10

G. MARTIN, Committee.

FUNDS FOR THE MINUTES.

The whole amount of contributions from preachers is \$96.50, which has been turned over to the Secretary.

COMMITTEE.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have received for the Sunday School Union \$104.72, a falling off from last year of \$15.98. This decrease is doubtless owing to the hard times; but we are of the opinion that much more might have been done had we prayerfully considered the importance of the cause, and brought it properly before the people. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. That we will endeavor to organize missionary societies in all our Sunday Schools, and take up collections in all our charges for the Sunday School Union, urging our people to increased liberality.

That we recommend to our people the adoption of the improved methods of Sunday School instruction, the International Lessons, and the general use of our own publications for Sunday Schools, viz: Journal, S. S. Advocate, tracts and books for the libraries.

3. That we will use our influence to have the Sunday Schools continue all the year.

March 20, 1876.

FROM LAY CONFERENCE.

To the West Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, in Conference Assembled:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Lay Electoral Conference, report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of each of the districts of the Conference be requested to furnish to the preacher in charge where the Conference is to be held, within two weeks of the meeting of the same, a certified list of all the lay delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference, specifying the circuit or station, and in what district the circuit or station is located, thus:

Name of Delegate (first name in full,) ———— Circuit, ———— District.

The Committee of Five is requested to present this resolution to the Ministerial Conference now in session.

NATHAN GOFF,
F. H. CRAGO,
CHAS. W. BROCKMEIER,
E. J. STONE,
C. D. HUBBARD,

Committee.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The year just closed has been singularly unpropitious for the interests of the Bible cause. Floods swept away in many sections the results of the labors of an entire season. The financial pressure has so terribly affected all benevolent enterprises, and so absorbing have been the denominational work, that there has been a large decrease in appropriations to the Bible work. A few sections have put colporteurs into the field, and the reports of these agents have disclosed a painful amount of destitution of the Holy Scriptures, the per centage of families not supplied with the Bible exceeding in some localities twenty-five per cent.

Owing to the pecuniary disabilities of the field over which the District Superintendent has traveled, and which covers the entire State, no plan for canvassing the territory has suggested itself outside of foreign aid. The parent society, owing to the fact that very few county societies are self-sustaining, has been compelled to pursue a policy less expensive than the one usually adopted. During the next fiscal year, no agent will be employed. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the various ministers will continue their aid in soliciting contributions for this work, so that when the business of the country shall have resumed its normal condition, the exploration of the territory will be resumed under brighter auspices.

We urge the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a collection be taken in each of our appointments during the year.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and hereby tendered to Thos. Hornbrook, Esq., for the valuable temperance literature he has so generously donated to the members and visitors.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference concur in and confirm the action of the Quarterly Conference of Sistersville Circuit in the sale of the church lot, known as the "Wells lot."

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the B. & O. Railroad and the steamboat lines who have favored us with a reduction of fare.

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to the Fourth Street M. E. Church, its pastor and people; to the other M. E. Churches and pastors of the city, and to the churches of other denominations who have assisted—and for the bountiful and cordial entertainment of the Conference.

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to report to the next session of Conference what amount of funds are under the control of the Conference and the character of the loans and the security held therefor.

WHEREAS, Our brother, Rev. W. Curtis Griffith, has been a valuable, earnest, and acceptable member of the W. Va. Conference, and is now transferred to the Baltimore Conference: therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we cherish with pleasant recollections the Christian spirit and efficient labors of Bro. Griffith during his stay with us.

2. That we recommend Bro. Griffith to the confidence of our brethren of the Baltimore Conference, assured that they will find him an earnest co-laborer in the Master's vineyard.

Resolved, That we are much pleased with this the first official visit of Bishop Wm. L. Harris to this Conference. His genial manner, his high executive ability, and his forcible words of advice and exhortation have endeared him to our hearts—that whenever he shall return to us we pledge him a hearty welcome, that in his journeys and labors our prayers for his health and success shall ever accompany him.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Rev. A. Martin, D. D. has been for many years a valuable and influential member of the W. Va. Conference, foremost in every good word and work, especially in educational enterprises in connection with our young State, and is now transferred to the Indiana Conference to take charge of the Indiana Asbury University; therefore,

Resolved, That we regret very much the loss of Dr. Martin from our Conference, and commend him most cordially to the brethren with whom he will be associated in the future, and will receive him again with open arms and warm hearts, should he at any time desire to return to us.

WHEELING, 20th March, 1876.

WHEREAS, The wisdom and piety of the formers of our discipline, acting as the voice of the Scriptures and the church, have been under the necessity of styling "dancing, playing at games of chance, attending theatres, horse races, circuses, dancing parties, or patronizing dancing schools, or taking such other amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency, improper conduct," and whereas every Methodist preacher has solemnly vowed to God, and to the church, "to enforce vigorously, but calmly, all the rules of the society;" therefore,

Resolved, That we, the W. Va. Conference, will be more careful to inform our people, and have them inform themselves, as to the above dis-

ciplinary requirements, and will take a firmer stand against the evils named.

WHEREAS, Rev. G. W. McClelland has been transferred to the Kentucky Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we express our entire confidence in his Christian and ministerial character, and cordially commend him to the confidence of all upon his new field of labor.

WHEELING, March 18, 1876.

Resolved, That the delegates to the General Conference be instructed to have the boundary lines of our Conference so changed that hereafter the State lines shall constitute the Conference line.

Resolved, That the West Virginia Conference congratulates Indiana Asbury University on the selection of Dr. Alex. Martin as its President, that we reaffirm our confidence in the qualifications, abilities, and high Christian character of Dr. Martin, and will pray for his success in his new and responsible field of labor.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Winfield Circuit has authorized the Trustees of the Bear Creek Church to sell said church house; therefore be it

Resolved, That the West Virginia Annual Conference consent to the sale of said church.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO BROTHER MULLENIX.

WHEREAS, Brother Rev. William M. Mullenix has been a valuable and cherished member of the West Virginia Conference and is now transferred to the Kentucky Conference; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we cherish with kindest remembrance the Christian spirit and able ministrations of Bro. Mullenix during the nine years of our association with him.

2. That we recommend Bro. Mullenix to the regard and confidence of our Brethren of the Kentucky Conference, assured that in him they will find an earnest and efficient coadjutor in their great work.

3. That we will follow Bro. Mullenix with our prayers for his continued personal welfare and ministerial success.

WHEELING, March 20, 1876.

WHEREAS, We have learned that the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate is the property of a private corporation, and therefore the proceeds do not go into the church; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the General Conference to instruct the Book Agents at New York to purchase said paper, if it can be done on reasonable terms.

Resolved, By the West Virginia Annual Conference, That we hereby recognize the great importance of establishing a Seminary of learning at some point within the limits of our territory, and that a committee of three discreet members of this Conference be appointed to receive propositions from the different towns and cities of the State for its location and report the same to the next Conference for final action thereon.

Resolved, That as a Conference we rejoice in the success of the literary Institutions of West Virginia so far as they contribute to the Christian education of the masses, of the people, and that until this Conference shall have established an Institution of its own, we invite our people to patronize the West Virginia University, and our own State Normal Schools, and other educational Institutions.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

West Virginia Lay-Electoral Conference.

WHEELING, W. VA. Friday, March 17, 1876.

The West Virginia Lay-Electoral Conference of the M. E. Church convened in the audience room of the Fourth Street M. E. Church, at 9 o'clock A. M. The Conference was called to order by E. J. Stone, of Thomson M. E. Church, Wheeling, who nominated Hon. C. D. Hubbard, of Chapline Street Church, Wheeling, as temporary President, and George W. Atkinson, of Charleston, was elected temporary Secretary.

Bros. Davis and DeWitt conducted the opening religious exercises of the Conference.

On motion the following committees were appointed.

ON CREDENTIALS—Dr. Kennedy, C. W. Brockunier, T. J. Parks, Bro. Stout, Samuel Hanna, A. Workman and Bro. Titer, being one from each Presiding Elder's district in the Conference.

ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—Hon. B. F. Martin, E. J. Stone, Samuel Billingsly, Nathan Goff, sr., B. B. Curry and Jacob Waugh.

ON RESOLUTIONS—J. J. Brown, C. D. Hubbard, A. C. Holmes, J. P. Cowan, George W. Atkinson, L. D. Hagar and Arnold Wilmott.

On motion the committees were authorized to elect their own chairmen.

On motion the Conference adjourned for half an hour to allow the committee time to deliberate and report.

At the appointed time the Conference was called to order by the President, but as the committees were not yet ready to report, a second recess of thirty minutes was taken.

Conference was again called to order, as per adjournment, and the committees reported as follows :

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the names of the following brethren as having been duly elected members of this Conference :

Joseph DeWitt.....	Grantsville Circuit.
D. W. Frey.....	Brandonville.
W. Hamilton.....	Evansville.
Samuel P. Robinson.....	Charleston Circuit.
Thomas M. Stone ..	Pine Grove.
William Meredith.....	Salem Circuit.
Hugh R. Linn.....	Palatine.
Isaac Reed.....	Lewistown.
T. J. Parks.....	Mt. Pleasant.
Nicholas Dowler.....	Woods Hill.
James P. Cowan.....	Wilsonburg.
Thomas H. Bowman.....	Lumberport.
Lemuel E. Stout.....	Bridgeport.
Alderson Workman.....	Wayne.
Moses Kincard.....	Knottsville.
Leeper Rogers.....	Buckhannon.
Reuben Zink.....	Grave Creek.
L. M. Rhodes.....	Point Pleasant.
Nathan Goff.....	Clarksburg.
William B. Conway.....	Littleton.
Joseph Jackson.....	Clifton
George W. Staats.....	Ravenswood
C. Core.....	Fetterman.
A. L. Pelley.....	Benwood.
E. C. Jenkins.....	Volcano.
I. Waugh.....	Buckhannon.
Benjamin F. Martin.....	Pruntytown.
Andrew Workman.....	Raleigh.
James G. Hugat.....	West Union.
J. C. May.....	Newburg.
H. Scott.....	Malden.
C. D. Hubbard	Chapline Street.
A. J. Wood.....	Weston.
Stephen H. Amos.....	Marion.
J. J. Brown.....	Morgantown.

Charles W. Brockunier.....	Fourth Street.
George W. Atkinson.....	Charleston.
J. C. McGrew.....	Kingwood.
John M. Davis.....	Oakland.
Morris Rulong.....	Green.
J. W. Waters.....	Cassville.
John Ritchie.....	Dallas.
E. J. Stone.....	Thomson.
W. A. Wilson.....	North Street.
J. Gregg.....	Rowlesburg.
J. J. Fugate.....	Elk River.
Smith Crane.....	Kingwood.
F. S. Byer.....	Phillippi.
B. B. Cary.....	Hamlin.
H. McCulloch.....	Short Creek and Liberty.
John Hortney.....	Masontown.
Benjamin F. Charlton.....	Mannington.
Jacob L. Shriver.....	Jollytown.
F. Kennedy.....	Grafton.
F. H. Crago.....	Moundsville.
Joseph Tetor.....	Upshur.
James E. Hooten.....	Cameron.
Robert M. Duffield.....	Mill Creek.
S. D. Hanna.....	Hartford City.
Jacob Clammer.....	Calhoun.
Arnold Wilmouth.....	Beverly.
Daniel Skidmore.....	Webster.
E. C. Fox.....	Harrisville.
F. Marteney.....	Pleasant Grove.
W. T. Talbot.....	Frenchtown.
A. C. Holmes.....	West Union.
L. Warman.....	Morgantown.
Alex. Lowther.....	Elizabeth.
B. B. Brooks.....	Canaan.
Solomon Steele.....	Fairmont.
Stephen H. Hedley.....	Blacksville.
Jacob Hugus.....	Sistersville.
Samuel Billingsley.....	Middlebourne.
Abner Charnock.....	Wesley Chapel.
Bennett D. Rider.....	West Milford.
L. F. Rodgers.....	Monticello.
L. D. Hagar.....	Boone.
M. M. Lambert.....	Ellenboro.
H. Matheny.....	Pleasant Hill.
James A. Bodley.....	Zane Street.
B. F. Jones.....	Smithton Circuit.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following names for permanent officers of the Lay Conference :

PRESIDENT—Hon. B. F. Martin, of Pruntytown.

SECRETARY—Geo. W. Atkinson, Esq., of Charleston.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—John J. Brown, Esq., of Morgantown.

Mr. Brown was also appointed to co-operate with the Secretaries of the Ministerial Conference in the procuring of half-fare tickets for the members of this Conference on railroads and steamboats. (Those who paid full fare on coming to the Conference are entitled to free tickets on their return over the B. & O. Railroad.)

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report :

WHEREAS, In the providence of God we are assembled for the second time in the history of the M. E. Church as laymen in the capacity of a Lay Electoral Conference, we therefore recognize the goodness and mercy of God in sparing our lives and protecting the interests of our beloved church ; that we renew our confidence in our church organization, and that we will continue to labor for her in all of her interests ; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we recognize the progressive spirit of the age in which we live, and the demands made by many of our most influential and devoted members for some changes in the Discipline of our organization, yet it is the opinion of this Conference that all of the proposed alterations in our church government should be carefully and prayerfully considered before action is taken thereon ; and that as far as practicable the old landmarks of our beloved church should be retained, and that our legislators in General Conference assembled should never lose sight of the great success that Methodism has achieved under the system of itinerancy, which is, in our opinion, the body, soul and life of the grand old church which we have the honor to represent.

The reports of all the committees were severally adopted by the Conference.

The permanent officers were conducted to their respective stations, and the President in a short speech returned thanks for the high honor conferred upon him in being called to preside, &c.

C. W. Brockunier offered the following preamble and resolution which after much debate, were adopted :

WHEREAS, An effort is now making by certain persons looking to changes in our ecclesiastical polity, which ultimately, in our judgment, will lead to those that are radical and fundamental ; therefore

Resolved, By this Electoral Conference, that we are opposed to any action by the General Conference, tentative or otherwise, looking to a change in our system which shall affect the relations of our Bishops or Presiding Elders as now defined and regulated by the existing law of the Church.

The Conference adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference assembled at 2 o'clock, as per adjournment, President Martin in the chair.

On motion, Bros. Brockunier and Hanna were appointed tellers.

On motion of Nathan Goff, Sr., the Conference proceeded to the election of two delegates and two reserves to represent this Electoral Conference in the General Conference of the M. E. Church, which convenes in the city of Baltimore, in May next.

A motion of Bro. Billingsly, that candidates for General Conference delegates be nominated without any speeches being made in their favor, was adopted.

The following were nominated in the order in which they are named: Hon. B. F. Martin, Hon. C. F. Scott, George W. Atkinson, John J. Brown, Nathan Goff, Sr., Smith Crane and E. J. Stone.

Messrs. Goff, Crane and Stone withdrew their names, and requested that they be not voted for.

The first ballot resulted as follows: George W. Atkinson, 66; B. F. Martin, 51; John J. Brown, 25; C. F. Scott, 8; E. J. Stone, 4; scattering, 3. It is proper to state, however, that as Messrs. Martin and Atkinson, the President and Secretary of the Conference, were each mentioned as candidates, the President called Hon. Nathan Goff, Sr., to the chair, and the Secretary asked Smith Crane, Esq., to take his place at the desk, which was done by the parties as requested. President Goff thereupon declared, that as Geo. W. Atkinson and B. F. Martin had each received more than a majority of all the votes cast, they were therefore elected to represent this Conference in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held in the city of Baltimore in May next.

On motion, John J. Brown and C. F. Scott were unanimously elected by acclamation as alternates or reserve delegates, the former as the alternate of Mr. Martin, and the latter as the alternate of Mr. Atkinson.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to communicate to the Ministerial Conference the transactions of this body: Nathan Goff, Sr., Prof. F. H. Crago, E. J. Stone, Hon. C. B. Hubbard, and C. W. Brockunier.

On motion of C. W. Brockunier, the temporary President and Secretary (N. Goff, Sr., and Smith Crane) were authorized to certify the election of the delegates and alternates to the General Conference.

It was ordered that when the Lay Conference adjourns, it will be to meet again at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders of each of the districts of the Conference be requested to furnish to the preacher in charge where the Conference is to be held, within two weeks of the meeting of the same, if possible, a certified list of all of the lay delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference, and that Hon. C. D. Hubbard be requested to present the same to the Ministerial Conference now in session.

The following resolution, offered by G. W. Atkinson, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the laymen of the West Virginia Conference, in Lay-Electoral Conference assembled, reaffirm our confidence in the abilities, qualifications and Christian characters of Rev. Alexander Martin, D.D., late President of West Virginia University, and Rev. F. W. Wood, Ph. D., late a Professor in the same; that we regret their removal from our State, and that we pledge to them our prayers for their future prosperity in whatever field they may be called to labor.

Alexander Lowther offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Electoral Conference tenders to the good citizens of Wheeling, the grateful acknowledgment of its members for the universally kind treatment given them during their stay in the city.

Mr. Waugh offered the following resolution, which was also unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and all steamboats which have furnished us half-fare tickets to attend this Conference, our sincere thanks.

The Conference, after singing the long meter doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, &c." adjourned to meet in the same room (audience room of the Fourth Street M. E. Church) Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, March 18, 1876.

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock A. M., as per adjournment of yesterday, President Martin in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Alexander Lowther.

On motion of Hon. N. Goff, sr., the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

WHEREAS, by a decision of our Bishops, traveling preachers can alone be recipients of moneys raised for necessitous cases; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this Lay Electoral Conference in Conference assembled, that we consider the above law of the church a hardship upon the local ministers who shall be called to bear equally the burden of the traveling ministers while employed in the regular work of the ministry.

Resolved, That we desire our delegates to the General Conference to use their efforts to have the above law so modified as, that where local preachers are employed to do the work of regular traveling preachers, they shall have an equal share of the fund raised for necessitous cases.

The committee appointed yesterday to communicate to the Ministerial Conference the action of this body, reported that they had performed their duty, and had the pleasure of presenting to this Lay Electoral Conference the warm Christian greetings from the Annual Conference. The committee was on motion discharged.

No further business appearing, the doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by Prof. W. R. White and the Conference was declared adjourned *sine die* by the President.

B. F. MARTIN, President.

GEORGE W. ATKINSON, Secretary.

Steward's Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference for the Year Ending March, 1876.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders		Conference Collection.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Receipts.	
Wheeling District...	F Ball, P E	\$ 1,275 00	\$ 1,263 84	.....	.....	.....
Fourth Street..	J McK Reiley	2,500 00	2,500 00	\$ 242 00	\$ 242 00	\$160 00
North Street..	J W Webb	1,000 00	1,000 00	55 00	55 00	36 00
Thomson Ch..	C E Manchester	921 00	921 00	75 00	75 00	50 00
Zane Street	J P Thatcher	1,000 00	1,000 00	121 00	121 00	32 05
Chapline St ..	J R Thompson	1,000 00	1,000 00	102 00	102 00	50 00
Wesley Ch....	J B Feather, 4½ mo	225 00	225 00	40 00	40 00	8 00
" "	G C Shaffer, 1 mo on h	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....
Fulton	W C Griffith, 6 "	300 00	220 50	30 00	28 00	1 00
"	G C Shaffer	265 00	205 00	.....	.....	.....
Marshall. 25 }	D H K Dix	600 00	600 00	80 00	80 00	27 00
"	A C Law	87 50	87 59	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville	H C Sanford	800 00	800 00	77 00	77 00	8 00
New Martinsville	W G Riheldaffer	500 00	339 37	50 00	40 90	.....
" "	J Glendenning	200 00	128 07	50 00	40 86	4 00
Greene	E C Woodruff	350 00	275 00	50 00	50 00	1 00
Cameron	T B Hughes	800 00	800 00	44 00	44 00	8 00
Grave Creek ..	L H Jordan	650 00	470 00	80 00	80 00	14 60
"	Lewis, Jr.	150 00	102 90	.....	.....	.....
Dallas	S King	700 00	700 00	75 00	71 90	7 15
Sht. Ck. & Liberty	T M Hartley, 6 mo.	350 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....
" "	G C Shaffer, 6 mo.	200 00	200 00	60 00	60 00	.....
" "	John Hough	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....
Triadelphia	C Conner	600 00	60 00	50 00	50 00	15 00
Benwood	L L Stewart	850 00	850 00	44 00	44 00	10 00
		\$15,523 50	\$14,838 40	\$1,325 00	\$1,301 66	\$431 80
Morgantown District.	S Steele	\$ 1,205 00	\$ 1,203 50	.....	.....	.....
" Station.	E W Ryan	1,000 00	1,000 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 20 00
" Circuit.	Bison	650 00	515 00	75 00	75 00	10 00
Smithton	F G W Ford	400 00	348 89	45 00	45 00	2 50
Monongalia	J F Snodgrass	800 00	750 00	90 00	90 00	19 00
"	A S Wolf, sup. 4 mo	53 00	53 00	.....	.....	.....
Brandenville	W J Sharpe	525 00	525 00	80 00	80 00	8 00
"	John Robinson	175 00	175 00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	J W Hess	475 00	355 82	45 00	45 00	2 35
Grantsville	T W Chidester	450 00	429 00	65 00	65 00	1 95
Kingwood	W C Snodgrass	725 00	725 00	72 00	72 00	36
Masontown	J J Dolliver	580 00	408 55	50 00	50 00	5 00
Oakland	J A Fullerton	800 00	700 00	85 00	85 00	20 0
"	R P Vanmeter	150 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....
Newburg	J M Warden	775 00	775 00	40 00	40 00	6 00
Rowlesburg	G E Hite	175 00	175 00	40 00	40 00	2 75
Evansville	C J Trippett	600 00	543 00	80 00	80 00	7 00
Pleasant Grove ..	D Cool	475 00	400 00	40 00	40 00	.....
Grafton	J A Kibbe	1,000 00	1,000 00	70 00	70 00	40 00
Knotsville	W E Rippey	500 00	534 40	55 00	55 00	4 20
Fetterman	J Lee	345 00	345 00	40 00	40 00	6 00
Palatine	W H Young	500 00	464 63	63 00	63 00	7 20
St. George	J G Weaver	600 00	550 00	50 00	50 00	4 00
Thornton	E Ford	200 00	150 00	20 00	18 50	.....
		\$13,158 00	\$12,285 79	\$1,205 00	\$1,203 50	\$202 05
Buckhannon District.	J W Reger, P E	\$ 860 00	\$ 797 00	.....	.....	.....
" Station.	F M Hughes	550 00	550 00	75 00	75 00	\$ 7 00
" Circuit.	L D Casto	550 00	550 00	80 00	80 00	11 85
Phillippi	J S Laughlin	525 00	377 00	90 00	70 00	.....
Upshur	J Conwell	610 00	485 17	70 00	60 00	1 00
Beverly	H Pogy	280 00	280 0	70 00	70 00	.....
Sutton	A Mick	390 00	390 00	80 00	80 00	3 00
Webster	D Skidmore	200 00	110 00	40 00	40 00	.....
Frenchton	W E Lovett	650 00	650 00	80 00	80 00	5 25
Canaan	C Warman	250 00	250 00	40 00	40 00	5 76
Weston	S B D Prickett	600 00	533 00	75 00	42 00	5 00
Glenville	J E Wasson	615 00	503 01	60 00	60 00	8 00
Randolph Mission	W J Lambert	100 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	.....
Freemansburg ..	R Weese	395 00	361 44	50 00	50 00	1 60
		\$ 6,575 00	\$ 5,936 62	\$ 860 00	\$ 797 00	\$ 48 46

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders		Conference Collection.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.	
Charleston District.	J M Powell, P E	\$ 1,360 00	\$ 1,313 69			
" Station.	W M Mullenix	1,200 00	900 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 5 00
" Circuit.	F A Trippett	553 00	485 00	85 00	85 00	5 00
Nicholas	N C Beckley	610 00	562 19	85 00	85 00	15 00
Mountain Cove	J T Davis	380 00	360 00	85 00	85 00	5 00
Malden	B Darlington	700 00	461 85	85 00	85 00	5 00
Elk River	B Hagar	375 00	185 33	80 00	70 00	1 50
Mill Creek	T P Ryan	490 00	340 00	85 00	85 00	2 50
Point Pleasant	G C Wilding	600 00	600 00	85 00	85 00	12 00
Letart	E D W King	500 00	360 00	85 00	85 00	6 00
Clifton	W C Wilson	800 00	579 00	80 00	60 89	
Hartford City	S E Steele	800 00	675 95	100 00	88 80	2 00
Mason City	J A H Wilson	275 00	275 00	70 00	64 00	2 00
"	L D King	125 00	125 00			
Spencer	C H Lakin	565 00	485 00	85 00	85 00	10 00
"						
Bell Creek	W D Sanford	250 00	219 42	80 00	80 00	
Calhoun	J W Griffiths	500 00	438 15	85 00	85 00	1 00
Arnoldsburg	L D King	200 00	125 00	60 00	60 00	
"	C Shackelford	100 00	35 75			
		\$10,383 00	\$ 8,526 33	\$1,360 00	\$1,313 69	\$ 72 00
Parkersburg District.	A Hall, P E	\$ 1,280 00	\$ 1,028 12			
" Station.	A R Reiley	1,500 00	1,500 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 55 00
" Circuit.	W H Shaw	435 00	350 00	75 00	50 89	6 06
Williamstown	I R Faulkner	300 00	275 00	50 00	28 00	1 00
Mt. Pleasant	J F Ch-n-owith	460 00	416 21	70 00	49 52	3 97
Volcano	S Hitchens	800 00	800 00	60 00	60 00	4 35
Murraysville	H H Westwood	550 00	364 71	80 00	70 00	5 00
Ravenswood	W W Kelley	600 00	464 00	80 00	53 33	5 00
Harrisville	R M Wallace	672 00	530 00	85 60	59 71	13 15
Elizabeth	H J Boatman	500 00	363 22	75 00	53 07	
Ellenboro	G Crossfield	600 00	400 00	80 00	60 14	4 85
"	J H Hess	200 00	100 00	80 00	60 00	
Burning Springs	J S Freeland	400 00	400 00	50 00	50 00	5 00
West Union	S Lowther	580 00	580 00	70 00	70 00	7 75
Sistersville	W L Hindman	500 00	403 50	90 00	73 64	6 35
St. Mary's	M A W Young	300 00	226 40	20 00	20 00	5 00
Middlebourne	F H J King	535 00	351 90	75 00	39 73	1 80
Centreville	R S Welch	400 00	267 73	60 00	50 09	
		\$10,612 00	\$ 8,820 79	\$1,280 00	\$1,028 12	\$123 48
Clarksburg District.	J W W Bolton, P E	\$ 1 000 00	\$ 1,000 00			
" Station.	J L Clark	800 00	723 33	\$ 76 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 15 00
West Milford	ES Wilson	600 00	532 73	100 00	100 00	6 00
"	ED Buckner	200 00	177 56			
Wilsonburg	J W Huggins	230 00	212 89	60 00	60 00	3 00
"	J C Rexroad	200 00	185 11			
Salem	CS Allemong	500 00	440 00	50 00	50 00	5 45
Smithton	D Tasker	400 00	334 00	50 00	50 00	8 00
Lumberport	R Northcroft	425 00	365 26	70 00	70 00	2 85
Pruntytown	W E Loomis	600 00	600 00	96 00	96 00	8 75
"						
Bridgeport	SE Jones	200 00	182 50	40 00	40 00	4 00
Fairmont	G Martin	600 00	600 00	60 00	60 00	8 25
Marion	W F Cannan	600 00	600 00	96 00	96 00	10 00
Mannington	M McNeel	668 00	668 00	96 00	96 00	
"						
Pine Grove	N B Johnson	253 00	253 00	50 00	50 00	25
Blacksville	CH Conway	253 50	253 50	46 00	46 00	2 00
Jollytown	W D Carrico	600 00	600 00	75 00	75 00	16 50
"						
Littleton	G W Parriott	300 00	300 00	35 00	35 00	
		\$ 8,429 50	\$ 8,027 88	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$ 90 05

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders		Conference Collection.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.	
Guyandotte District..	J H Trainer, P E.....	\$ 915 00	\$ 564 18			
Station.....	M W Ryder.....	500 00	340 00	\$ 65 00	\$ 57 58	\$ 6 25
Huntington.....	Wesley Prettyman.....	800 00	578 71	65 00	65 00	6 00
Barboursville.....	J C Sidebottom.....	550 00	186 35	50 00	25 75	4 00
Wayne.....	A T Morriston.....	400 00	301 84	70 00	58 36	
Ceredo.....	W T Lewis.....	500 00	191 20	50 00	31 36	67
Monticello.....	J L Moses.....	250 00	138 00	50 00	33 64	
Winfield.....	N L Baumgardner.....	300 00	260 00	60 00	60 00	5 00
Hamlin.....	V Sandford.....	500 00	267 00	50 00	44 00	
Coal River.....	A D Perry.....	250 00	84 00	60 00	21 90	
St. Albans.....	J T McCartney, 6 m	250 00	125 00			
".....	J Engle.....	85 00	47 00	70 00	40 20	
Boone.....	G W Williams.....	250 00	150 75	60 00	20 75	75
Logan & Sandy.....	J W Bedford.....	300 00	83 65	70 00	40 05	1 00
Fayette.....	J T Carroll.....	400 00	302 96	65 00		3 00
Mercer.....	W Wriston.....	150 00	109 70	50 00	21 68	1 00
McD'l & Wyom'g.....	W Cheuvront.....	300 00	142 00	50 00	15 00	
Raleigh & Sum'rs.....	A Workman.....	200 00	127 99	30 00	28 91	
".....	C Crawford.....	100 00	54 00			
		\$ 7,000 00	\$ 4,054 33	\$ 915 00	\$ 564 18	\$ 27 69
Missionary Fund to P. E.....					250 00	
					\$ 814 18	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders		Conference Collection.
	Claims.	Receipts	Claims.	Rec'pts.	
Morgantown.....	\$13,158 00	\$12,285 79	\$1,205 00	\$1,203 50	\$202 05
Wheeling.....	15,523 50	14,828 40	1,275 00	1,263 84	431 80
Clarksburg.....	8,429 50	8,027 88	1,000 00	1,000 00	90 05
Buckhannon.....	6,575 00	5,936 62	860 00	797 00	48 46
Parkersburg.....	9,612 00	8,820 79	1,280 00	1,028 12	123 48
Charleston.....	10,383 00	8,526 33	1,360 00	1,313 69	72 00
Guyandotte.....	7,000 00	4,054 33	915 00	564 18	27 67
Total.....	\$71,681 00	\$62,490 14	\$7,945 00	\$7,208 15	\$995 91
Total Deficiency.....					\$9,190 86
Deficiency Presiding Elder's claims.....					736 85
Less Missionary Fund and Presiding Elder in Guyandotte.....					250 00
					\$486 85

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1876.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.			Bap'tms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pri- chers.	Children.	adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Par- ishes.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Office s & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants	For Mission's.			Woman's F. M. Soc'y	For Bear- ing of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y.	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm's Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.	
														Chur's	S. Sch's	Total.							
Morgantown District.	8	225	1	3	7	2	1	\$ 10,600	1	\$ 2,000	1	28	225	\$ 20 00	\$ 1 10	21	\$ 110 21	\$ 75 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 60	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	
" Station	60	470	2	1	1	5	6	6 000			6	46	355	1 00	25 00		25 00	2 00	1 00	1 25	1 50		
Smithtown	57	247	2	5	3	5	5	4 700	1		7	81	397	2 50	6 11		6 11	1 00			1 00		
Monongalia	125	625	4	2	2	10	8	7 000		700	7	65	310	19 00	22 00		22 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00	
Brandonville	65	500	3	6	12	20	6	6,800	1	1,000	12	60	450	8 00	21 00	12 50	33 50	12 50	3 00				
Pleasant Hill	35	212	2	6	10	11	4	4,400	1	300	7	65	223	2 35				3 65					
Grantsville	46	375	4	1	16	2	7	5,200			9	55	475	2 00	9 30		9 30	70	25	1 60	40	25	
Kingwood	33	88			4	11	2	2,800	1	3,000	3	48	231	36 00	91 81	40 19	132 00	56 87	7 20	5 00	3 20	12 00	4 15
Mason town	30	250	1	3	5	20	4	4,000			10	50	300	5 00	12 00		12 00	1 00	1 00	1 50	2 00		
Oakland	55	424	4	5	24	3	6	6,500	1	2 500	5	77	393	20 00	40 00		40 00		1 00	1 00	1 00		
Newburg	28	147	1		4	12	1	3,500			1	13	113	6 00	10 65		10 65	1 00	50	50	50	50	
Rowlesburg	104	42		4	6	13	1	3,000			1	15	120	2 75	10 00		10 00	1 00					
Evansville	80	301	1	1	9	14	5	6,800	1	250	5	40	250	7 00	25 00		25 00						
Pleasant Grove ..	69	182	2	2	3	14	2	500	1	500	6	30	180		5 00		5 00						
Grafto	60	310	4	3	6	31	1	21 000	1	3,000	1	26	375	40 00	71 00		71 00	10 00	1 00	2 70	5 40	1 00	1 00
Knottsville	150	312	3	1	58	7	5	5,700			6	50	370	4 25	16 20	25 00	41 20	70	75	90	60		
Fetterman	29	55			4	9	1	4 00			1	10	90	6 00	16 00		16 00						
Palatine	85	449	6	3	2	36	8	10,000	1	1,200	8	72	468	7 25	33 77		33 77	3 00	50	75	75		
St. George	82	241	1	3	12	18	4	2 500	1	800	8	60	120	4 00	10 00		10 00	1 00					
	1201	5,555	41	52	198	243	77	114,400	11	15,250	104	871	5,445	202 10	535 05	77 69	612 74	156 37	27 55	15 20	19 70	26 75	7 90
Wheeling District.																							
Fourth Street	14	315	1	3	18	5	1	80 000	1	4,000	2	55	474	160 00	150 00	600 00	75 00	213 98	25 00	20 00	20 00	13 50	\$10 03
North Street...	3	145		4	16	3	1	7,500	1	2 000	1	3	225	36 00		50 00	59 00	10 00	1 00	2 30	1 50	1 00	
Thomson Ch...	54	123	2	2	15	1	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	20	200	50 00	70 00	65 00	135 00	43 25	6 92		1 00	1 00	1 30
Zan- Street...	40	220	4	2	49	3	1	18,000			1	41	361	32 05	60 00	100 00	160 00	54 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	
Chapine St...	6	204	2	5	42	2	1	9,000	1	2,500	1	30	230	50 00	59 19	129 81	180 00	14 00			6 00		
Wesley Chrch	44	80			1	7	1	7,000			1	25	108	8 00		15 00	15 00	4 00					
Fulton		51					2	3,700			1	12	75	1 00	5 00		5 00						
Marshall	80	325	4	3	12	20	6	6,300	1	1,200	8	80	390	27 00	24 54	4 75	29 29	55 00	10 00	1 10	2 00	5 00	
Monadsville	38	243	1	2	1	18	1	4,000	1	1 000	1	18	180	8 00	14 00	8 00	22 00	113 90	9 00	4 00	5 60	75	1 00
N. Martinsville ..	50	168	1	2	5	3	5	4,500			7	68	210	4 10	6 50		6 50		90	62	62		
Greene	49	188	3	5	3	4	6	4,000	1	300	7	56	238	1 00	8 00		8 00						
Cameron	105	205			5	10	2	3,700			2	24	130	8 00	25 00		25 00		4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Grave Creek	62	378	5		7		8	11 000			10	95	525	14 60	40 00		40 00		4 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	2 50
Dallas	115	280		3	16	18	3	3,000	1	1,250	3	45	199	7 15	32 35		32 35			2 50			
Sh't Ok & Lib ity ..	32	166			5	2		13,000	1	700	1	7	50	2 00	25 00		25 00		2 25	1 50	1 70		
Triadelphia	8	86		3	16	4	1	5,000	1	3,000	1	13	60	15 00	25 00		25 00		3 00				
Benwood	86	115		2	21	19	1	4,500			1	20	122	10 00	20 00	3 75	23 75		3 00	50	50	50	50
	878	3,292	23	34	227	122	43	202,200	10	18,450	49	639	3,777	401 85	564 58	967 31	1,531 89	480 13	98 07	32 72	41 22	33 70	18 35

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Members & ip				Bap'tisms		Church Property.			Sabb. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.										
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Prechers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. M. Soc'y	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y.	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm's Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.
															Ch'rs.	S. Schls	Total.						
Clarksburg District.	45	191	4	1	3	30	1	\$ 11,000	1	600	2	17	112	\$ 15 00	\$ 18 75		\$ 18 75		\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 1 50
Clarksburg Stat'n	60	392	3	8	28	8	8	8,000	1	600	7	30	250	6 00	20 00		20 00		2 00	1 50	50	1 00	1 25
West Milford.....	102	230	1	6	5	14	7	5,500			6	73	200	3 00	9 00		9 00						
Salem.....	90	326	4	2	20	6	4	3,300	1	450	4	26	200	5 45	12 00		12 00		40				
Smithton.....	50	279	4	3	11	4	6	3,000	1	800	6	35	225	8 00									
Lumberport.....	94	345	4	3	5	10	9	5,000			6	35	350	2 85	5 00		5 00						
Pruntytown.....	25	289	2	5	25	7	4	8,000			4	40	160	8 75	15 00		15 00	34 30	1 50	1 10	1 25	1 00	1 50
Bridgeport.....	8	135	1	1	7	4	3	2,700			3	25	150	4 00	11 00		11 00		1 75	60	25	50	25
Fairmont.....	3	114	3	3	3	1	1	6,000	1	1,200	1	18	105	8 25	31 00	30 50	61 50	31 00	2 50	1 60	1 90	1 00	
Marion.....	30	280	2	5	3	34	8	5,500	1	800	4	50	220	10 00	9 10	20 00	29 10	4 00	2 50	2 35	1 85	2 50	2 50
Mannington.....	65	400	6	3	32	10	7	7,500	1	2,000	6	80	300										
Pine Grove.....	158	210	5	3	3	3	6	1,850			6	65	300	6 00	26 00		26 00		1 00	75	50	1 00	1 00
Blacksville.....	49	193	2	2	3	8	4	2,700			4	28	170	2 00	7 00	5 00	12 00						
Jollytown.....	120	335	4	4	4	7	8	9,000	1	500	2	30	370										
Littleton.....	107	35	5	1	4	8	5				5	70	105		5 00		5 00						
	1006	3,801	42	49	40	227	79	78,750	7	6,350	72	592	3,217	79 30	168 85	55 50	224 35	69 30	13 65	9 90	10 25	9 50	8 00
Buckhannon District.	6	144	1			3	2	2,500	1	800	2	22	155	7 00	13 50		13 50	19 00	3 00		3 00		
" Station	60	335	5		10	5	7	6,000			7	50	300	11 85	11 35		11 35	3 00	2 00	1 50	2 00		
" Circuit	30	415	7	3	2	15	8	3,600	1	800	5	40	225										
Phillippi.....	35	444	7	2	18	9	2	2,500			7	65	240	1 00		2 10	2 10						
Upshur.....	53	253	6	5	2	12	5	2,000			2	20	65		15 00		15 00						
Beverly.....	31	230	5		25	1	5	2,900			4	33	140	3 00	16 00		16 00		2 00				
Sutton.....	7	83	3		6	1	1	250			3	15	52										
Webster.....	132	487	5	3	4	4	6	4,500	1	450	8	45	250	5 65	50 45		59 45						
Frenchton.....	31	225	2	5	4	4	8	1,125			5	30	150	5 76	16 00		16 00			50	50	1 28	25
Canaan.....	5	139	1			3	6	6,000	1	3,000	2	13	120	5 00	18 00		18 00		1 50	1 25	1 50	1 25	2 00
Weston.....	57	349	3	4	2	1	6	4,000			5	21	297	8 00	22 00		22 00		1 00			4 25	
Glenville.....	20	45			1	1	1	150			4	16	70		2 00		2 00						
Randolph.....	16	341	5		6	8	6	4,700			7	20	90	1 60	10 50		10 50						
Freemansburg.....	489	3,490	47	25	61	70	68	40,225	4	5,050	61	390	2,154	48 86	183 80	2 10	185 90	22 00	10 00	2 75	7 00	6 78	2 25

MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1876.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership				Bap'ts		Church Property.			Sab. Schools			Benevolent Collections.										
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pr'chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Va. ue.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Cainments.	For Missions.			Woman's F. M. Soc'y	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y.	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm'n's Aid Soc'y	For Edu- cation.
															Chur's.	S. Sch's	Tot'l.						
Parkersburg District.	60	250	1	3	4	1	1	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 7,000	1	24	266	\$ 55 00	\$ 224 12	\$ 65 88	\$ 290 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 1 00
" Station.	130	328	2	4	7	1	1	5,000	1	350	2	58	286	6 56	9 24	7 80	17 04	70	0	35	25	25	25
" Circuit.	7	60	5	2	2	2	1	3,000	1	...	1	9	54	1 00	2 20	1 00	3 20	25	0	25	25	25	25
Williamstown	28	265	5	1	4	44	5	4,000	1	700	4	30	231	3 97	...	27 18	27 18	25	50	25	25	25	25
Mt. Pleasant	13	124	1	1	7	1	1	1,800	1	700	2	21	140	4 35	10 00	...	10 00	25	1 85	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Volcano	111	299	2	4	3	15	3	2,500	1	...	8	58	350	5 00	5 77	6 23	12 00	1 30	1 35	1 40	1 40	1 50	1 50
Murraysville	115	365	3	4	3	19	2	2,600	1	700	7	63	370	5 00	18 39	1 61	20 00	1 00	...	3 50	2 25	1 10	1 10
Ravenswood	33	398	1	1	4	15	6	4,600	1	1,200	6	68	313	13 15	21 25	12 75	34 00	1 50	4 25	1 00	4 25	1 00	2 13
Harrisville	38	132	1	4	...	6	2	3,000	1	600	7	58	306	1 80	2 50	5 00	7 50	...	1 10	2 55	1 00	2 13	2 13
Elizabeth	180	410	1	3	1	6	5	3,350	1	1,400	5	52	244	4 85	10 00	...	10 00	9 90	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	1 00
Ellenboro	1	45	...	...	1	...	1	1,300	1	300	1	13	108	5 00	10 00	...	10 00	4 50	1 00	75	60	1 00	1 00
Burning Springs	25	114	2	1	5	43	2	1,700	1	...	2	20	100	7 75	10 00	...	10 00	...	1 10	...	75	1 25	1 25
West Union	27	251	5	2	...	15	6	5,000	1	250	5	51	235	6 35	20 00	...	20 00	...	3 25	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Sister-ville	78	86	...	...	9	32	1	2,300	1	...	...	...	...	5 00	5 00	...	5 00	...	1 00	...	2 00	2 00	2 00
St. Mary's	120	237	2	2	...	47	4	2 40	1	500	6	30	200	1 00	...	3 00	3 00	...	1 00	25	25	20	20
Middlebourne	65	407	3	4	...	20	5	1,200	1	450	6	30	306	...	9 03	...	9 03	...	...	...	...	...	...
Centreville	1131	3,770	28	38	41	273	52	71,650	12	14,150	69	585	3,481	125 78	357 50	130 45	487 95	45 80	28 95	11 95	15 60	17 80	10 23
Charleston District.	74	168	1	1	7	5	1	18,000	...	...	1	18	240	5 00	40 00	...	40 00	12 00	...	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
" Station.	120	210	1	1	2	27	2	2,500	1	...	4	52	180	5 00	5 00	...	5 00	...	25	25	20	20	20
" Circuit.	82	464	2	14	27	23	6	5,500	1	600	7	45	250	15 00	20 00	5 00	25 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Nichols	30	295	5	4	4	8	2	650	1	400	5	25	12	5 00	1 00	...	10 00	25	1 00	25	25	25	25
Mountain Cove	135	457	7	2	...	40	1	4,000	1	800	6	42	225	5 00	8 00	...	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maiden	82	307	9	3	8	7	...	...	...	...	3	24	140	1 50	5 00	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elk River	143	177	2	2	2	13	...	...	...	...	2	8	40	2 51	7 00	...	7 00	...	...	50	...	...	...
Mill Creek	70	72	2	1	2	24	3	5,500	1	1,500	6	56	325	12 00	22 00	8 00	30 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00
Point Pleasant	31	228	2	3	...	7	4	2,100	1	1,200	8	40	240	6 00	12 00	...	12 00	50	1 00	50	50	50	1 00
Letart	127	102	...	...	12	...	1	5,000	...	...	1	16	180	...	11 10	...	11 10	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clifton	25	184	3	4	12	14	2	2,500	...	...	2	26	225	2 00	4 25	11 00	15 25	...	1 35	...	1 00	...	...
Hartford City	24	91	1	3	...	15	1	2,000	...	...	1	18	142	2 00	8 00	...	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mason City	121	495	6	2	14	28	5	4,500	...	...	8	88	360	10 00	10 00	...	10 00	1 68	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Spencer	110	250	7	1	2	6	1	300	...	...	5	17	100	...	2 08	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
B H Creek	0	335	1	2	...	20	8	3,050	...	...	7	70	280	1 00	4 85	...	4 85	...	1 00	...	...	...	...
Calhoun	25	116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 15	3 15	...	3 15	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arnoldsburg	1259	3,874	40	43	93	239	37	55,600	5	4,500	66	543	2,987	75 15	161 28	35 10	196 38	17 43	13 60	6 50	5 75	7 95	4 25

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1876.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Memberships				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sabb. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pre- chers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults	Churches	Probable Value.	Pars' ages	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'nce Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. M. Soc'y	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm'n's Aid Soc'y.	For Edu- cation.	
															Chur's	S. Sch's	Total.							
Guyandotte District.	27	93		5	9	3	1	4,000			1	19	130	\$ 6 25	\$ 5 10	\$ 6 90	\$ 12 00	\$ 45 45	\$ 2 10				\$ 50	
Station.	0	08	1	4	6	2	1	3,000			3	25	200	6 00	10 00	2 00	12 00		2 00	2 00		1 00		
Huntington	62	126				7	2	3,000			3	26	155	4 00	5 00		5 00		1 00			1 00		
Barboursville	146	251	4	1	3	3	1	1,000			12	25	150		3 39	4 75	8 14							
Wayn	78	69	1		5		1	1,500			12	25	165	67	1 52		1 52		1 10	38	75			
eredo	61	220	2	1	7	47	2	800			3	25	175		7 00		7 00						10	
Monticel o.	56	183	3	4	7	3	4	1,200			3	23	110	5 00	10 00		10 00		1 50	1 00	75	1 00		
Winfield	120	100	7	2	4	13	2	600	1	300	4	21	76		5 00		5 00							
Ham in	7	99	1	1	8	2					1	18	98		1 69		1 69							
Coal River	24	45	1			1	1	500			1	3	86											
St. A b ns.	140	300	4	7					1	200	5	15	150	75	1 00		1 00	25						
Boone	248	213	4	4	7	9	2	400			6	34	146	1 00	1 00		1 00		70	30				
Logan & Sandy.	92	238	6	4	5	9	2	500			3	15	75	3 00	12 00		12 00							
Fayette	51	173	3	2	2	7					1	6	28	1 00	5 00		5 00							
M reer	109	187	3	2	10	3	1	100			2	23	60		2 30		30							
McDowle & Wyg.	71	450	6	6	20	15	1	150	1	300	4	20	120		2 40		2 40							
Raleigh & Sun.	1382	2,858	48	43	93	124	21	16,750	3	800	48	358	1,924	27 67	70 31	13 65	83 96	45 70	5 70	4 08	3 80	3 50	50	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				Bap'tisms		Church Property			Sabb. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.										
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Pre- chers	Deaths.	Children,	Adults.	Churches	Probable Value	Pars'n's ages	Probable Value	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conf'nce Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. M. Soc'y	For Board of Ch. Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	S. S. Union M. E. Ch.	Freedm'n's Aid Soc'y	For Edu- cation.
															Chur's.	S. Sch's	Total.						
Morantown.....	1201	5,555	41	52	198	243	77	144.00	11	152.50	104	871	5,445	202.10	585.05	77.69	612.74	156.37	27.55	15.20	19.70	26.75	7.90
Wh eling.....	878	3,292	23	34	227	222	43	2,222.00	10	181.50	40	639	3,777	410.85	564.58	967.31	1531.89	480.13	98.07	32.72	41.22	33.70	18.35
Clarksburg.....	1006	3,801	42	49	40	227	70	787.50	7	63.50	72	592	3,217	79.30	168.85	55.50	224.35	69.30	13.65	9.90	10.25	9.50	8.00
Buckh mon.....	483	3,490	47	25	61	70	62	402.25	4	5.50	61	390	2,154	48.86	183.30	2.10	185.90	22.00	10.90	2.75	7.00	6.78	2.25
Parkersburg.....	1131	3,770	28	38	41	273	52	716.00	12	141.50	69	585	3,481	125.78	357.50	130.45	487.95	45.80	28.95	11.95	15.60	17.80	10.23
Charleston.....	1259	3,774	49	43	93	2,9	37	556.00	5	45.00	66	543	2,987	75.15	161.28	35.10	196.28	17.43	13.50	6.60	5.75	7.95	4.25
Guyandotte.....	1502	2,858	48	43	93	124	21	167.50	3	8.00	48	358	1,924	27.67	70.31	13.65	83.96	45.70	5.70	4.08	3.80	3.50	.50
Total.....	7260	26,640	278	284	753	1208	377	5795.75	52	645.50	469	3,977	22,985	969.71	2041.37	1281.80	3322.07	836.73	197.52	83.10	103.27	105.98	51.48

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

"WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME, SHALL NEVER DIE."

NAMES.	WHERE DIED.	DATE OF DEATH.	CONFERENCE RELATION AT DEATH.	AGE	YEARS
					EFFEC
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Va.	October 9, 1851.....	Effective	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854...	Effective	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....		April 22, 1854.....	On Trial	32	1
William Summers.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....		April 3, 1855.....	On Trial	30	2
Jesse Freeland.....		1856.			
Alpheus Robe.....		1856.	On Trial	33	2
James A. Young.....		1857.	On Trial		1
W. D. Warman.....		1858.			
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania—	August 26, 1865.....	Effective	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va.	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated		4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, West Va.	January 24, 1870.....	Superannuated	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, West Va.....	1870.	Effective	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, West Va.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, West Va.	March 6, 1873.....	Effective	37	7
George W. Richmond.....	Wheeling, West Va.....	March 16, 1874.....	Effective	41	17
Thomas M. Hartley.....	West Liberty.....	May 3, 1875.....	Effective	33	11
Michael Dowler.....	Marshall County, West Va.	November 29, 1875.	Supernumerary	70	6

MEMOIRS.

REV. T. M. HARTLEY

Departed this life May 31, 1875, aged 33 years and 10 months.

He was converted when about fifteen years of age through the instrumentality of Rev. J. M. Powell, of the West Virginia Conference. In his notes Bro. Hartley says, "I was deeply convinced of my lost and ruined state as a sinner in the sight of God." This he made known to some friends, who advised him to go to the mourners' bench. For a time he would not do this. But he further says: "My distress of mind became so great I at once began to pray, and promised God if he would spare my life and pardon my sins, I would freely give all my time and talents to Him, and His service, should be my delight. After several days of bitter sorrow and distress of mind, and a melted heart, it pleased the Lord to speak the life-giving word and set my soul at perfect liberty; and on the 19th of May, 1857, I was enabled to shout the high praises of God for His redeeming love, so gloriously shed abroad throughout *my soul and body*," Subsequently he was baptized and received into full connection by Rev. D. H. K. Dix.

In 1864, he joined the West Virginia Conference and was appointed to St. George circuit. In 1865, he traveled Frenchton circuit; 1866, Upshur; 1867, Frenchton again; 1868-69-70, he traveled Beverly circuit. He was ordained deacon in 1867, and elder in 1869. In 1871-72-73, he traveled Ellenboro circuit. In 1874, he labored on the Short Creek and Liberty circuit, near Wheeling. In January, 1875, he took a heavy cold from exposure and broke down. He made no attempt to preach during the remainder of the Conference year. He was reappointed to that work by Bishop Bowman at the late session of our Conference. Early in the present Conference year he preached once. It greatly prostrated him and he was unable to get to church again.

Bro. Hartley was modest and unpretentious, yet apparently free and unembarrassed in all his movements and exercises. During his stay on the Short Creek and Liberty circuit as compared with his former mode of work he lacked sprightliness and freshness. Disease, unconscious to him, was doing its work for some time, producing a dullness and heaviness in his labors that he did not observe. All his people loved him for his purity of life and heart.

While on the Beverly circuit he sought and obtained the experience of perfect love. His experience was clear, and all who knew him believed that he experienced all he professed. His testimony on this point was as definite as it was touching his conversion.

Bro. Hartley never supposed his work was done till he found himself

actually dying. During his sickness he was peaceful and hopeful. When he realized the fact that he was dying, he said: "If I must cross Jordan, bring out the books, we'll square accounts. O Savior, come quickly! The angels are helping me. I'll get through." When his wife moistened his lips, he added, "That means good-by. Well done, well done," and passed away to the rest remaining and the glory to be revealed.

Our beloved Bro. Hartley was buried in the preacher's lot in Mt. Wood, Wheeling, with the remains of Rev. William Summers and wife, Mary Virginia Monroe, Kate and Hattie Martin, Harry W. Hughes and Dr. G. W. Richmond. May we all meet again in that "sweet by and by."

We commend Sister Hartley and the four little children to the prayers and sympathies of the church.

F. BALL, Chairman.

REV. MICHAEL DOWLER.

Rev. Michael Dowler died Nov. 29, 1875, aged 70 years and 8 months. He was the son of Rev. George Dowler, and was born in Washington county, Pa. His father subsequently removed to Marshall county, Va., where Michael joined the M. E. Church in his seventeenth year. His youthful Christian life was firm and consistent. He was licensed to exhort in 1835, and licensed to preach in 1842. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Janes July 4, 1847, and ordained elder by Bishop Morris, June 27, 1857.

He was often employed by the presiding elders of the Wheeling District, West Virginia Conference, and in this capacity did good service of a rather pioneer character. In 1869 he was received on trial and appointed to Dallas circuit. The Lord owned and crowned his labors with marked success. In 1870-71, he was stationed at Cameron, where he did excellent service in promoting the spirituality of the church, and also freeing it from great financial embarrassment. In 1872, he labored successfully on the Pruntytown circuit. In 1874 he traveled the New Martinsville circuit, and in 1875, seeming to have premonition of his approaching end, he asked a supernumerary relation, so that he might arrange his temporal affairs more satisfactorily. He preached often and labored faithfully for the Master during the year. He was stricken with paralysis Nov. 15, and died at the date given above.

Bro. Dowler was a man of unblemished Christian character, consistent and uniform in life, greatly devoted to God and the church of his early choice. His memory was very retentive, and he could call to mind a large amount of historical matter upon all Bible themes. In his death the M. E. Church has lost an honored and useful member, and we of the ministry a genial, entertaining companion and co-worker. He rests from his labor and his works follow him.

F. BALL, Chairman.

AN ABSTRACT
OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE
HELD IN PARKERSBURG,

BEGINNING MARCH 12, 1862, AND NOT PUBLISHED IN MINUTE FORM.

The following abstract of the proceedings of the Conference of 1862 was furnished by our brother, Rev. F. Ball, who carefully preserved the printed report as it appeared in "*The Methodist*."

The Secretaries cherish the hope that the Conference will be pleased to have embodied in its Minutes, in this centennial year, the record of the deeds of those noble men of God, who were true to the cause of the Master during those dark days of war.

Not all the reports of committees and routine business were considered of sufficient importance to be reproduced here: only that which is an interesting item of history. We are sure that the little we have given will be gratefully received.

It is proper to state that this additional matter involves no extra expense to the Conference.

A CONFERENCE EXTRAORDINARY.

WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Parkersburg, on Wednesday, March 12, 1862, Bishop Scott presiding, Samuel Steel, Secretary.

In no part of our country have the deplorable effects of the war been more terribly felt than in some parts of this territory. The first day was mainly devoted to the usual routine business, appointment of committees, etc. An unusual gravity and seriousness, as of men burdened with the weight of what they had seen and suffered, seemed, even from the beginning, to mark the body. It has been indeed a year of unwonted trial and danger to these men and their people.

MISREPRESENTATIONS CORRECTED.

The Union men of Western Virginia are sometimes hardly rated by secular prints, utterly ignorant of the facts in the case, if not, indeed in-

tentionally distorting the facts because of the little they have done in the prosecution of the war. It is only necessary to know what has been done and the circumstances under which it has been accomplished, to wipe away entirely this reproach, and demonstrate that in all the length and breadth of our land there are none deserving of higher honor than these maligned Union men of West Virginia. It is a great mistake to suppose that all of this region was far the Union, simply because it should have been so. The same might be said of the entire South. The fact is, it was for otherwise. An effete and desperate oligarchy ruled Virginia. In most counties, of the West especially, a few families—the Court House clique—have usually given tone and direction to the whole sentiment and action of their counties in matters political. These were nearly all tainted with secession, and had for months and years been plotting, when the great disruption came, to carry West Virginia South.

No one acquainted with the influence, resources, and recklessness of those men would have greatly wondered had the war been transferred, as was their original purpose if war came, to the other side of the Ohio, instead of being waged in Virginia. They had long cherished a settled enmity against the Free States; and our own Church, its ministers and its people, were the objects of their deadliest hostility. "Foreigners," "Abolitionists," "the Church, North," and other offensive and slanderous epithets, were the mildest terms in which we were ever referred to by them.

When our ministers and more intelligent laymen learned that the so-called Union men, elected in large numbers from the West to the Richmond Convention, had betrayed them; had, in direct opposition to every interest and obligation, the hallowed memories of the past and strongly expressed purpose of the present, transferred them, like cattle, to this, the darkest conspiracy on which the sun has ever shone, no one not in their midst can conceive the indignation and sense of bitter wrong which took possession of their minds. With them it was not only a question whether they any longer had a country of their own, but whether the church of their fathers was any longer to have a being in this land. Of course there was but one decision. They saw what was to come, and determined, cost what it might, to stand by the Church and the Union.

Their first step was to rally to the polls, and, if possible, defeat the ordinance of secession. Had the East been free from military dictation at the time, they would, no doubt, in the face of every threat and danger, have succeeded in doing this. The simple attempt was the signal for a reign of terror. Our men unfortunately were largely without arms, and had no organization except what the Church supplied. The rebels were thoroughly prepared, in both respects, and began immediately to muster their forces at Clarksburg and Grafton, threatening Wheeling and Parkersburg—the western termini of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Wise, with his legions, swept down the Kanawha. Your readers generally know what afterward took place, and I do not propose its recapitulation here. But it is due to truth that the credit of saving Western Virginia from secession, and the adjoining parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio from being ravaged by a ruthless foe, should be given where it belongs; and what I have to say further will relate mainly to the part which our preachers acted, simply remarking that among the laity the names of Willey, Hubbard, and others of our brethren and their noble coadjutors who, in great peril, at Richmond, maintained their integrity—"faithful among the faithless"—ought to be classed with those of Henry, Adams, and others of the Revolution.

A METHODIST CONFERENCE WITH VARIATIONS.

The *variations* consisted mainly in references to, and statements of

facts and incidents a few of which, from ample material on hand, I will supply, and which certainly present a new phase in the experience of Methodist preachers in this generation. I should further say that most of these were made in open Conference, during the usual examination of character and before a large audience, so there is no impropriety in designating names and places here, and still further not being in the Conference-room all the time, some of those I most wished to obtain escaped me, and of the rest I have to select and abridge.

Rev. G. J. Nixon was sent to Harrisville, one of our largest circuits. Every effort was made to drag or drive our people into rebellion. Out of about seven hundred members but one was lost, and he was believed to be a traitor in the camp before he went over openly to the rebels. The two adjoining counties went largely for secession. Frequently filled appointments with organized bands of guerillas hovering about. Is sent by the Bishop this year to one of the most laborious and dangerous fields of labor.

Rev. Benjamin Hagar, Sandy Circuit, a man eminently pious, humble and useful. The country round him was overwhelmingly for secession. So highly was he esteemed by all, that the rebels were afraid to touch him at first, but ordered him on the peril of his life to desist from preaching. He went round among the friends holding class and prayer-meetings, but was soon notified to stop that. Found himself so shut in by the enemy, that there was no way to escape. Then he held worship in his own house with his family and a few religious neighbors. This too was forbidden, as they did not wish any secret meetings. Soon afterward, he was told all the preachers on the adjoining circuits had been taken or driven away, and felt almost as if alone, but determined not to give up. Gave, at different times, as he thought best, his blessing and advice to his family, as to what they should do if he was shot or taken off while at his work, and was finally seized by ruffians, suffered much in mind and body, and lost all his property. He expected and was willing, in the name of the Lord, to go back to the same work, and if need be, fall at his post. His brother, Rev. Robert Hagar, a man of like spirit and experience, could doubtless have told a still more thrilling tale, but is in the hands of rebels and unable to be present.

Rev. John S. Carroll, Coal River Circuit. He was waylaid and arrested by five rebels; said he was a Virginian, had abstained from politics, was quietly going about his own work, and did not expect or desire to be meddled with. They abused him for a — Methodist preacher, said that was crime enough; they were about to shoot or drive off every one such, and ordered him to follow them. Quietly drawing a revolver, he said: "There are five of you, and I am prepared for eight. I shall drop the first man who looks around or lifts a gun. Forward!" His way on his circuit was wholly hedged up by Clarkson's and Jenkins' guerrillas. Is now a captain in the Ninth Virginia regiment.

Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, St. George's Circuit. Some of the brethren thought he left his work a week or ten days earlier than necessary but all agreed it would have been utter recklessness to take his family back. Was within a few miles of where Colonel Garnet and other rebels were shot. Lost everything he had.

Rev. A. J. Lyons, Calhoun Circuit. Secession reigned and triumphed there, and our work is, for the present, ruined. He had to fly for his life. After leaving, the enemy surrounded the house, and finding he was gone, tried to burn it down over the heads of his family. His wife and children so effectually resisted that the secessionists ceased from the attempt and went away.

Rev. Thomas B. Hughes, Spencer Circuit. Had to leave his circuit. Lost all he had, books, clothes, furniture, everything.

Rev. Andrew W. Gregg, Ripley Circuit. Was ordered to join the topographical corps of General Cox's division, and help clear out the Kanawha valley. At the battle of Scarey Creek, when the surgeon hesitated to remove and attend the wounded soldiers, Bro. Gregg, a splendid specimen of physical manhood, carried out the fallen, one after another, in his arms, while the fight was raging all around him. Is now chaplain.

Rev. Benjamin F. Rogers, Glenville Circuit. This is the point at which Dr. Elliott, Dr. Baird and others have had the honor to be indicted, in years gone by, as enemies to the country, and especially dangerous to the peace and welfare of Virginia. Our few members as well as their preachers were driven off from this region. Bro. Rogers was thrown from his horse and nearly killed. Is now convalescent, but far from well.

Rev J. M. Phelps, Hartford Circuit. Took earnest hold of the Union cause in his region. Is now a captain in the United States army.

Rev. Robert Brooks, Guyandotte Circuit. Found his life so often threatened, and not willing to be massacred in cold blood as those slain at the village which gives name to his work, joined the army. Is now first lieutenant of a cavalry company.

Rev. W. H. Wiley, Elizabeth Circuit. Assaulted in the streets and denounced as a Union scoundrel, etc. Stood at his post till the last, and when danger became imminent, sold his coat and bought a gun and went soldiering.

Brother Wiley is a somewhat erratic genius, but of great personal courage. At the battle of Philippi he very much distinguished himself, and again at Romney when General Kelly gave our men orders to charge with the bayonet, Brother Wiley was full ten feet in advance of the foremost man shouting: "Come on, boys; I know God is on our side." He was the first to cross the bridge in front of the rebel battery, and on seeing the rebels run, shouted, "Hallelujah! glory!" louder than it ever had been heard at Romney bridge before. Both he and Brother Gregg have been personally complimented by the officers and men for their great courage and usefulness.

Rev. James Warden, Sutton Circuit. Went to his work but was early driven off. All his property confiscated, even his wife and children left without a change of clothes.

Rev. F. H. J. King, Fayette Circuit. Stood as a faithful sentinel at his post, laboring for God and the suppression of this huge rebellion. Whether dead or alive, in heaven or rebeldom, no one knows, but is supposed to have been shot. His character passed, and relation to the Conference continued, as, if living, no one doubts where his heart is.

And so I might continue through your paper, and yet not tell the half. Some of our brethren have been thrown into jail, as the venerable father Green, an itinerant of some fifty years, and the patriarch of our Conference, and Jeremiah Hare, one of the purest and humblest men who ever stood up in a pulpit, and who was taken over the mountains and kept in a common jail over four months before he managed to escape. Others have been waylaid and shot at by roving bands and desperadoes, often leaving their families as if forever, when they went out to some parts of their work. Others have had everything they possessed taken from them and destroyed and their wives and children turned out into the wilderness, naked and hungry in the midst of winter. Others who escaped in time found work and refuge in adjoining districts and Con-

ferences. Some of our brothers are officers, and five of them chaplains in the Union army. Several were in the Legislature and Constitutional Convention. It was the special object of the rebels in the lower and more southern counties to kill or drive out our preachers. Never were more barbarities inflicted on men by savages than those which, whenever it was in their power, they practised on our people. God only knows how many scores have fallen by assassination, exposure, and the end is not yet.

HERE AND THERE.

In the free States when the men enlisted they felt assured that their families would not suffer harm—would even be cared for. Here, men in Western Virginia, in some counties, it is as much as a man's life is worth to be known as a member of the Methodist Church and a friend of the Union. And yet has Western Virginia furnished eleven regiments of infantry, two batteries of artillery, and a regiment of cavalry, more in proportion to the loyal population than any other part of these United States. Let those remember this who slander them. Doubtless there are many half-hearted men and even traitors in our midst who profess to be Unionists. Some of these have even foisted themselves into the Legislature and Convention. Quartermasters and others in the army are even suspected of disloyalty; but after all is said, it still remains that no where are there to be found men less selfish and more devoted to God and humanity than in Western Virginia; all of them deserve the sympathy of right-thinking men, and many of them greatly need, though they do not ask, material aid.

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

It is a matter to which we refer with great satisfaction and pride, that in the rebellion against the government under which we have lived and prospered so long, the papers of our church have given no uncertain sound. Without a single exception, so far as we know, they have all taken and maintained strong grounds in "favor of the Constitution, the Union and the enforcement of the laws." Some in their zeal to see this rebellion crushed out, may have erred in complaining of those in authority for not moving forward against the enemies of the country with more zeal and energy, thereby injuring the circulation of the paper to some extent; but this, we think, must be attributed more to the restless impatience which all loyal men feel more or less to see the insurgents put down, than a desire to find fault with the powers that be.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee on the state of the church would respectfully offer the following as their report:

REPORT NUMBER ONE.

WHEREAS, A powerful conspiracy of treason and rebellion has been organized against the Government of the United States, and under the name of the Southern Confederacy, and is exerting its utmost energies for the destruction and ruin of our country; and whereas, the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, as well as pure and elevated civilization, are intimately connected with and greatly dependent upon the character and form of civil government; and believing we have the best government possible, and that it is our duty as loyal citizens to sustain and defend it; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, By the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we wholly condemn this rebellion as *unjust, illegal* and unauthorized by the Word of God, and that we will co-operate with the President of the United States and all under his authority, by all proper and lawful means, as well as by our prayers and entreaties to Almighty God, for its speedy overthrow and utter extermination, that the authority of our Government may be asserted and maintained over our whole country.

2. *Resolved*, That the conduct of the President and his Cabinet in crushing this great rebellion meets with our cordial and unqualified approval, and that we have full confidence in the soundness of their judgment, and in the wisdom of their discretion in conducting this war, and restoring our whole country to permanent peace and tranquillity.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be sent to the President of the United States.

REPORT NUMBER TWO.

WHEREAS, Many of our people have greatly suffered during the past year from this rebellion and the ravages of war, and have been deprived of the bread of life and of the immunities and blessings of the holy sanctuary, on account of their attachment to the Church and loyalty to their country; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That these brethren are entitled to our sympathies and our prayers, and that we assure them that we will do all we can to provide for their wants, trusting that God, who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," will take care of them and abundantly bless them.

2. *Resolved*, That those brethren of the Conference who have imperiled their lives for the cause of God and the welfare of the people committed to their pastoral care and oversight, and that have nobly defended the cause of our common country against tyranny and oppression, are entitled to our thanks, and are worthy of double honor.

G. MARTIN,

R. A. ARTHUR,

W. SMITH,

G. J. NIXON,

J. L. CLARK.

The above report was adopted by calling the roll of Conference and recording the ayes and nays—the result of which was as follows: ayes, 69; nays, 0; absent and sick, 20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No feature of work deserves more of our attention or more earnest efforts than the cause of Sabbath schools. It is a well-trying and successful means of reaching the young of all classes with the light of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in offering to all our members privileges of working for the salvation of souls. Sabbath school effort is not of doubtful experiment. A mighty host of children are now under the direct influence of our Church in the Sabbath schools. Under these influences of incitement to diligence and duty, the ministry and the Church should feel their responsibility and discharge it faithfully.

Your committee is sorry to learn that there is a fearful falling off in every department of this great enterprise. From the statistics placed in our hands we have obtained the following facts, viz: That there are reported only one hundred and thirty-seven schools consisting of thirteen hundred and eight officers and teachers, and six thousand two hundred and sixty-six scholars—making only eight thousand five hundred and seventy-four members of our friends engaged in Sunday school operations. These schools have expended for their own support, during the past year,

\$471.71, and raised for the Sunday School Union, \$30.57. Of the youths attending our schools, one hundred and thirty-seven have been converted during the year—a less number than any previous year of our history as a Conference.

It is proper to say that there are thirty-one charges from which we have no returns. The most of these are in Parkersburg and Kanawha districts, and in that part of the Conference where the preachers could not labor the past year. Many of them, it is hoped, will report as usual in the future.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

The Stewards present the following as their report. The claims, receipts and deficiencies, as nearly as we could ascertain, are as follows:

Claims.....	\$21,741.08
Receipts.....	14,871.76

Deficiencies.....	\$7,969.32
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Question 13. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance from circuits?

Answer. \$7,732.22.

Question 14. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

<i>Answer.</i> From Centenary Fund.....	\$28.85
From Chartered Fund.....	25.00
From Conference and Necessitous collections.....	69.65

Total.....\$123.50

CLAIMANTS.	DIVIDENDS.
Widow Summers.....	\$ 7.00
A. Dixon.....	20.00
J. S. Hall.....	5.00
H. C. Sanford.....	5.00
W. L. Hindman.....	10.00
E. Ford.....	5.00
W. C. Wilson.....	10.00
T. B. Hughes.....	10.00
B. Hagar.....	10.00
A. J. Lyon.....	10.00
B. Darlington.....	10.00
James Sanford.....	5.00
C. Conner.....	10.00
R. Northcraft.....	2.10
U. Pribble.....	3.00
Stationery.....	1.40

\$123.50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ARNOLD, Chairman.

SATURDAY, March 15.

The Conference met at half-past 8 A. M. Religious services by Brother Arnold. The Bishop requested the Presiding Elders to retire with him for a few minutes, and directed Brother G. Martin to occupy the chair in his absence.

The Committee on Sabbath schools made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was read, blanks filled, and adopted.

The Bishop, having returned to the chair, introduced Dr. Blair, of the Ohio University, to the Conference.

The Conference proceeded to ballot on lay representation.

The Bishop appointed Brethren Arnold and Blakeney as tellers to count the vote of the Conference on lay representation.

Brethren Arnold and Blakeney, with J. W. Webb, one of the Secretaries, had leave to retire, count the vote, and report the result to the Conference.

The tellers made their report of the vote of the Conference on lay representation, as follows:—For lay representation, 11; against lay representation, 57; whole number of votes 68.

G. W. Richmond, appointed to collect and report the vote of the various charges, so far as heard from, within our Conference line, on lay representation, reported the result, as follows:—For lay representation, 204; against lay representation, 881.

On motion J. B. Ford was granted a location at his own request.

The recommendation of local preachers for deacons' orders, was called for, and the following brethren were elected to deacons' orders:—Oziah Stephens and Jonathan Steel, of Elizabeth circuit, Parkersburg district, and James Glendenning, New Martinsville circuit, Wheeling district.

The recommendation for local deacons for elders' orders was then called for, and Samuel Mills, of Murrysburg circuit, Parkersburg district, being favorably represented, was elected to elders' orders.

The Committee on Periodicals made their report, which was read and adopted.

After several announcements, the Conference adjourned, to meet after the Annual Missionary Anniversary, at night. Benediction by Bro. Clark.

NIGHT SESSION, March 15.

According to appointment, Conference met at the close of the Missionary meeting.

The Committee on Missions made their report, which was read and adopted.

On motion, Dr. Hunter was appointed to preach the Annual Conference Sermon, the first night of the next annual session.

The Bishop handed in the following list of Committees of Examination for the present year:

To examine candidates for admission on trial—W. L. Hindman, F. Guthrie.

First Year—J. M. Powell, D. H. K. Dix, P. Vandervort.

Second Year—J. B. Blakeney, H. Stevens, J. W. Snodgrass.

Third Year—T. H. Trainer, M. Allen, B. Ison.

Fourth Year—T. H. Monroe, A. J. Lyda, F. Ball.

To examine Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders—B. Darlington, C. King.

To examine Local Deacons for Elders' Orders—W. E. Williams, W. R. Howe.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—T. Daugherty.

The 221st Hymn was then sung, and prayer offered by Rev. Wesley Smith. The Bishop read out the appointments as follows:

APPOINTMENTS.

Morgantown District—G. W. Arnold, P. E.

Morgantown station, J. B. Blakeney; Morgantown circuit, A. A. Reger, one to be supplied; Monongalia, D. O. Stuart, J. B. Pinchea; Brandonville, Ulysses Pribble; Grantsville, J. W. Webb, one to be supplied; Kingwood, Franklin Ball; St. George, W. D. Warman; Evansville, J. S. Hall, W. C. Wilson; Fetterman and Grafton, Benjamin Ison; Knottsville, P. Vandervort; Palatine, M. V. B. White; Blacksville, J. B. Feather.

W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, Allegheny College; member of Morgantown quarterly conference.

T. Daugherty, President of Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute; member of Morgantown quarterly Conference.

Wheeling District—J. Drummond, P. E.

Wheeling—Fourth Street, Samuel Barnes, North Street, J. L. Clark, Chapline Street, G. Martin; South Wheeling, A. W. Gregg; Grave Creek, T. H. Trainer; Triadelphia, W. R. Howe; Marshall, R. L. Woodyard, one to be supplied; Elizabeth and Moundsville, A. J. Lyda; Greene, James Sanford; New Martinsville, D. H. K. Dix, one to be supplied; Short Creek and Liberty, W. E. Williamson; Mannington, Ashford Hall. G. Battelle, Chaplain First Regiment Virginia Volunteers; member of Chapline street quarterly Conference.

Clarksburg District—J. L. Irwin, P. E.

Clarksburg, to be supplied; West Milford, G. W. Richmond, L. D. Casto; Weston, Samuel Hutchins; Frenchton, R. M. Wallace; Pruntytown, J. W. Snodgrass; Philippi, T. M. Lesley; Buckhannon, J. M. Powell, H. D. Rice; Upshur, W. H. Wiley; Fairmont, J. S. Patterson; Marion, Spencer King; Lumberport, E. Ford; Beverley, H. Wallace; Salem, to be supplied.

A. Martin, Prof. Greek Language and Literature, Allegheny College; member of Clarksburg quarterly conference.

Parkersburg District—Samuel Steele, P. E.

Parkersburg, T. H. Monroe; Elizabeth, F. Guthrie; Murraysville, E. L. Nicholson; Newark, A. J. Lyon; Ripley, to be supplied; Spencer, B. F. Rogers; Williamstown, Vanlinden Sanford; Harrisville, M. Allen, D. Cool; West Union, T. B. Hughes; Middlebourne, S. E. Steele; Sistersville, R. Northcraft; Glenville, W. L. Hindman.

J. W. Reger, Chaplain, Seventh Virginia Volunteers; member of Parkersburg quarterly conference.

Kanawha District—G. J. Nixon, P. E.

Charleston, H. Stevens; Charleston circuit, J. M. Warden; Malden Station, E. W. Ryan; Pocatalico, R. Hagar; Putnam, W. H. Shaw; Point Pleasant, Charles King; Hartford City and Letart, C. Conner; Catlettsburg and Guyandotte, H. C. Sanford; Wayne, to be supplied; Sandy, to be supplied; Coal River, B. Hagar; Hamlin, to be supplied; Elk River and Calhoun, to be supplied; Sutton, Addison, Summerville, Mountain Cove, Fayette, and Raleigh, B. Darlington; Wyoming and Logan, to be supplied.

R. A. Arthur, Professor of Mathematics, Ohio University; member of Charleston quarterly conference. Wesley Smith, transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.

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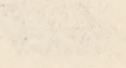
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J. B. FEATHER, *Railroad Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

GRAFTON, March 21, 1877.

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Thirtieth Session in the M. E. Church, at Grafton, West Virginia, March 21, 1877, Bishop E. R. AMES, presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by J. L. Clark. Scripture lesson: 4th chapter of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians. The 707th hymn, beginning,

"And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face;"

was sung, after which Bro. Clark led the Conference to the Throne of Grace in prayer.

The Bishop consecrated the Elements, and, assisted by the Presiding Elders and Dr. G. Martin, B. Ison, and J. L. Clark, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Conference and the large congregation of Christian people present.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the Roll, and 94 preachers answered to the call.

On motion, J. L. Clark was re-elected Secretary, with power to appoint his assistants. The following brethren were appointed:

Assistant Secretary—Geo. C. Wilding.

Statistical Secretaries—S. B. D. Prickitt and C. E. Manchester.

Railroad Secretary—J. B. Feather.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Memoirs.—F. BALL, H. C. SANFORD, Dr. G. MARTIN.

On Public Worship.—B. ISON and S. STEELE.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial.—J. M. WARDEN, D. H. K. DIX, R. NORTHCRAFT, F. M. HUGHES, N. C. BECKLEY, N. L. BAUMGARDNER, E. C. WOODRUFF.

Board of Stewards, Lay.—S. L. ALLEN, E. J. STONE, S. H. HEADLEY, B. F. BYERS, K. BOREMAN, E. T. MOORE, J. ENGLE.

On Necessitous Cases.—THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

On Missions.—THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Education.—J. R. THOMPSON, A. M., W. C. SNODGRASS, Dr. G. MARTIN, J. W. REGER, A. R. REILEY, E. W. RYAN, J. WESLEY WEBB.

On Sunday Schools.—W. PRETTYMAN, L. H. JORDAN, C. S. ALLEMONG, R. WEESE, J. F. CHENOWITH, F. H. J. KING, A. T. MORRISTON.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts.—Dr. J. A. FULLERTON, S. KING, D. TASKER, S. B. D. PRICKITT, G. CROSSFIELD, J. C. SIDEBOTTOM, W. T. LEWIS.

On Tract Cause.—W. E. RIPPEY, H. C. SANFORD, W. W. KELLEY, L. D. CASTO, J. W. GRIFFITHS, G. H. WILLIAMS, B. DARLINGTON.

On Bible Cause.—J. J. DOLLIVER, C. CONNER, Prof. W. R. WHITE, E. S. WILSON, H. H. WESTWOOD, W. C. WILSON, J. W. HUGGINS.

On Temperance.—J. W. HESS, J. P. THATCHER, S. LOWTHER, W. E. LOVETT, S. HITCHENS, J. T. DAVIS, W. WRISTEN.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts.—J. LEE, W. M. WEST, W. E. LOOMIS, J. CONWELL, H. J. BOATMAN, L. L. STEWART, W. A. CHEUVRONT.

On Observance of Sabbath.—F. G. W. FORD, G. E. HITE, W. F. CANNAN, J. E. WASSON, R. S. WELSH, M. W. RIDER, G. H. WILLIAMS.

On Publishing Minutes.—THE SECRETARIES.

On Funds for Publishing Minutes.—C. J. TRIPPETT, G. C. SCHAEFFER, M. MCNEEL, C. WARMAN, T. R. FAULKNER, E. D. W. KING, C. CRAWFORD.

On Freedman's Aid Society.—J. F. SNODGRASS, S. CUMMINGS, W. D. CARRICO, L. D. KING, F. A. TRIPPETT, J. W. BEDFORD.

On Post Offices.—T. W. CHIDESTER, W. G. RHELDATFER, C. H. CONWAY, G. RODGERS, W. T. LEWIS, T. P. RYAN, W. A. CHEUVRONT.

On Statistics.—THE SECRETARIES.

On motion, 8½ o'clock, A. M., was fixed as the hour for devotional services; 9 o'clock as the hour for Conference session to begin, and 11¼ as the time for adjournment; with a provision for reading the minutes previous to adjourning.

The Bishop informed the Conference that they were authorized to draw on the chartered fund for \$30.00; and the draft was ordered.

The following visitors were introduced to the Conference: Dr. J. Horner, representing the Pittsburgh Book Depository; Rev. C. W. Smith, of the Pittsburgh Conference; R. H. Wallace, of the Ohio Conference; W. R. Long, Agent of the American Bible Society; Rev. Barger, of the U. B. Church, and Rev. Flanagan, of the Presbyterian Church.

A communication from the Secretary of the General Conference regarding the proposed change in the second and third restrictive rules was read, and filed for future action.

The apportionment of the Episcopal Fund to our Conference was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

S. E. Jones was appointed to receive moneys collected for the Bishops.

Dr. J. A. Fullerton was appointed to collect accounts due the New York Book Concern.

Each preacher was instructed to give his statistics to his Presiding Elder at the close of this session.

The 10th question of the General Minutes—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"—was taken up. The character of S. Steele, Presiding Elder of Morgantown District, was passed, after which he gave a brief account of the District, reporting about 600 accessions to the Church during the year. The following brethren were examined and passed: J. R. Thompson, J. F. Snodgrass, W. J. Sharpes, J. W. Hess, T. W.

Chidester, W. Prettyman, J. J. Dolliver, J. A. Fullerton, D. Cool, W. E. Rippey, J. Lee, J. B. Feather, J. G. Weaver, J. M. Warden, and C. J. Trippett.

The character of J. A. Kibbe was arrested and referred to the following committee for trial: D. H. K. Dix, *President*; J. J. Dolliver, A. Stevens, J. F. Snodgrass, W. C. Wilson, A. R. Reiley, J. G. Weaver, J. Wesley Webb, M. W. Rider, H. C. Sanford.

The character of Dr. F. Ball, Presiding Elder of Wheeling District, was passed, after which he represented his District; reporting about 800 accessions by the gracious revivals that had extended through the District. Brethren whose characters were passed: J. McK. Reiley, C. E. Manchester, J. P. Thatcher, W. C. Snodgrass, W. M. West, G. E. Hite, D. H. D. Dix, H. C. Sanford, J. L. Clark, S. King, G. C. Schaeffer, L. H. Jordan, C. Conner, F. W. Wood, W. H. Morton.

The case of M. A. W. Young was referred to the same committee as in the case of J. A. Kibbe.

A resolution in regard to Resolutions and Committee Reports was passed.

Notices were given.

The minutes were read and approved.

The doxology was sung; and the benediction pronounced by Dr. F. Ball.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, March 22, 1877.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock. Prayer-meeting, conducted by H. C. Sanford, was held till 9 o'clock. The Bishop then took the chair and business was commenced.

The committee in the case of J. A. Kibbe made their report, which was adopted, and he was declared expelled from the M. E. Church.

Visitors introduced: Dr. G. W. Clarke, of East Ohio Conference, Rev. King, of Methodist Protestant Church, E. T. Moore, lay Steward of Charleston District.

Dr. G. Martin was appointed in place of Bro. Dix as chairman of the committee to try M. A. W. Young.

The report of the Secretary as custodian of Centenary Fund was read.

The character of J. W. W. Bolton, Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, was passed. He gave a glowing account of their past year's labor and success; after which S. Lowther, W. W. Kelley, J. C. Rexroad, C. S. Allemong, D. Tasker, R. Northcraft, W. E. Loomis, G. Martin, W. F. Cannan, M. McNeel, C. H. Conway, W. D. Carrico, W. R. White, and J. G. Blair, were examined and passed.

Bro. Cannan reported \$572.40 for the Missionary cause, when, on motion, the doxology was sung with unction.

The character of T. B. Hughes, Presiding Elder of the Buckhannon District, was passed. He represented the District as being in a very encouraging condition; after which E. S. Wilson, L. D. Casto, F. M. Hughes, J. Conwell, W. E. Lovett, S. B. D. Prickitt, J. E. Wasson and R. Weese, were examined and passed.

On motion, the case of G. Rodgers, who was reported as not having gone to his work, was referred to the same committee to whom was committed the cases of Kibbe and Young.

On motion, A. J. Lyda was appointed Treasurer for the Missionary Society, and B. Ison Treasurer for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees and Faculty of Allegheny College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The character of A. Hall, Presiding Elder of the Parkersburg District, was passed, after which he reported his District as flourishing finely; 750 accessions to the Church in the last year. A. R. Reiley, W. H. Shaw, J. F. Chenowith, S. Hitchens, H. H. Westwood, B. Darlington, R. M. Wallace, C. H. Lakin, T. R. Faulkner, W. H. Young, E. C. Woodruff, H. J. Boatman and R. S. Welsh, were examined and passed.

The character of S. E. Steele, Presiding Elder of Charleston District, was passed, after which he represented his District

as having a hard year's work, and much good done. E. W. Ryan, F. A. Trippett, F. H. J. King, J. T. Davis, G. Crossfield, J. T. Carroll, L. L. Stewart, W. C. Wilson, J. M. Powell, M. W. Rider, N. C. Beckley, J. W. Griffiths and B. Hagar, were examined and passed.

The character of T. H. Trainer, Presiding Elder of Guyandotte District, was passed. He spoke in glowing terms of the heroism of his men and the good results of the year. J. Wesley Webb, J. C. Sidebottom, A. T. Morriston, V. Sanford, N. L. Baumgardner and J. S. Freeland, were examined and passed.

The 3rd question—"Who remain on trial?"—was next taken up, and S. Cummings, C. R. Shackelford, H. Scott and I. C. Paugh, were continued on trial.

The 6th question—"Who are the Deacons of the second class?"—was called up, and N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, W. A. Cheuvront, W. Wristen, W. T. Lewis, F. G. W. Ford and G. W. Parriott, were examined and passed.

On motion, Dr. G. Martin was put in J. M. Powell's place on the committee in charge of the Pumphrey Bequest, and the proceeds ordered to be placed in the hands of the Stewards.

On motion, the funds in the hands of L. D. Casto were divided as directed by the donor.

The roll of Committees was called, and announcements made.

The minutes were read and approved. The doxology was sung; and the benediction pronounced by J. L. Clark.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, March 23, 1877.

Conference prayer-meeting began at 8½ o'clock, W. E. Rippey in charge. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took his seat and business began.

Papers in regard to the interests of the Freedman's Aid Society were read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

A letter from Bro. W. M. Mullenix, regarding trust funds in his hands, was read, and, on motion, A. Hall was appointed to receive said funds.

The report from the Committee on Education was read, amended, and adopted.

On motion, the Conference ordered that all papers from Allegheny College be read, which the Secretary did forthwith.

Rev. Davis, of the Baltimore Conference, and Bro. Carskadon, a Lay Delegate to the late General Conference, were introduced.

The 4th question—"Who are admitted into full connection?"—was then announced, and the following preachers, who had traveled for two years, were called to the front, and after the customary charge was given them by the Bishop, and the usual disciplinary questions were answered by them, and each being favorably reported as to standing and attainments, were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders, viz: C. Warman, C. Crawford, J. H. Hess, and J. W. Bedford.

The Committee on Conference Seminary, appointed last year, reported. After being partially discussed, the report was laid over for future action.

The matter of the Second Restrictive Rule was taken up, and the proposed change was rejected by a vote of 65 to 28.

The proposed change in the Third Restrictive Rule was defeated by a vote of 64 to 26.

The committee appointed on the case of M. A. W. Young reported. The report was adopted, and he was declared expelled from the M. E. Church.

W. C. Snodgrass was authorized to transmit Educational funds in his hands to the Treasurer of the Educational Society.

S. Lowther and N. L. Baumgardner were appointed to examine local preachers for Deacon's orders.

Minutes were read and approved. Doxology sung. Benediction by Dr. G. W. Clarke.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, March 24, 1877.

The devotional services began at 8½ o'clock, conducted by J. J. Dolliver. Business called at 9 o'clock, by the Bishop.

The Committees on Examination were announced, also the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Dr. A. C. George, of Central New York Conference, was announced as transferred to this Conference.

An additional report from the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

Report from Mt. Union College was read by the Secretary.

Resolutions approving the appointment of J. R. Thompson, A. M., to the Presidency of the West Virginia University were adopted.

Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, Dr. A. Wheeler, Editor of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, and Rev. E. Barnard, Pastor of the U. B. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The 7th question—"Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?"—was taken up, and J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, George C. Wilding and F. G. W. Ford, were passed and elected to Elder's orders.

The following Local Preachers were recommended for Deacon's orders: H. E. Friend, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, L. Rogers, and W. T. Robinson.

D. W. Rector, a Local Deacon, was recommended for Elder's orders.

A resolution changing the time of Conference session to September or October, was adopted.

Report of Committee on Conference Seminary taken from table, amended, and adopted.

Rev. Weaver, of the Lutheran Church, Dr. F. S. Hoyt, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, and J. Engle, Lay Steward from Guyandotte District, were introduced.

Dr. A. Wheeler addressed the Conference in the interest of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*.

The Treasurer of the Missionary Society made his report, which was adopted.

The reports of the Stewards were read by Bro. E. J. Stone, and adopted.

On motion, the funds collected for the Freedman's Aid Society were paid over to Bro. James Martin, of the Western Book Concern.

Dr. I. C. Pershing, President of Pittsburgh Female College, and Rev. Baker, of the East Ohio Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Usual announcements were made; minutes read and approved.

Doxology sung; and benediction pronounced by Dr. A. J. Kynett.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, March 26, 1877.

Conference prayer-meeting began at 8½ o'clock, superintended by Dr. F. Ball. Conference business commenced at 9 o'clock, Bishop in the chair.

Report of committee on the case of G. Rodgers adopted, and his character passed.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Educational Society was read.

Resolution adopted authorizing the Secretary to procure a suitable box for the reception of the Benevolent Collections at Conference.

Resolutions complimentary to J. S. Freeland, who had been transferred to the Iowa Conference, were passed.

Report of Committee on District Conference Minutes read and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported strong resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolution on method of raising funds for Minutes hereafter, adopted.

A resolution authorizing the Secretary to procure a special book for Memoirs, was passed.

The report of the Committee to audit Presiding Elders' Accounts, was read and adopted.

The Committee on Jones Bequest made a report, which was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read, amended, and adopted.

The following brethren were appointed as Trustees for Buckhannon Seminary: A. M. Poundstone, G. A. Newlon, E. Leon-

ard, J. W. Heffner, W. R. White, J. W. Reger, and T. B. Hughes.

W. R. White and V. Sanford were granted supernumerary relations.

R. Northcraft and J. C. Sidebottom were placed on the superannuated list.

The Committee on Bible Cause reported. Report adopted.

On motion, A. Hall was placed on the Publishing Committee of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, vice J. M. Powell, withdrawn.

Report of Committee on Observance of the Sabbath read and adopted.

The 8th question—"Who are the supernumerary preachers?"—was taken up, and, for answer, see Disciplinary questions.

B. Ison was made effective.

Question 9th—"Who are the superannuated preachers?"—was next called. See answer in Disciplinary questions.

Dr. Hoyt, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference in behalf of his paper and our Book Concern.

The 23d question—"Where and when shall the next Conference be held?"—was taken up. Morgantown and Charleston were put in nomination, and Charleston selected as the place. Time not given.

Report of Committee on Missions read, and, on motion, recommended.

The 2d question—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up. See Disciplinary questions.

Thomas Cotton was admitted from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and recognized as an Elder in good standing.

The minutes were read and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Doxology was sung. Benediction pronounced by J. F. Snodgrass.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, March 27, 1877.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, with the Bishop in the chair. The religious services were conducted by Dr. Gideon Martin.

The Committee on Missions made their report. Adopted.

The 2d question—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was resumed. See Disciplinary questions.

D. Tasker was granted a location at his own request.

The Committee on Statistics reported. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was read and adopted. The brethren who have died during the year are Moses Titchenel and Wilson C. Hindman. After the reading of the memoirs the Conference, with deep feeling, sang the hymn beginning

"Servant of God well done."

The Financial Report of the Secretary was made.

Fraternal Resolutions read and adopted.

Resolutions complimentary to Bishop E. R. AMES read, and adopted by a rising vote.

The Secretary was ordered to apportion to the several Districts, to be collected by the Presiding Elders, the deficit for the expense of the publication of the Minutes.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Accounts was read and adopted.

The following Committee on Supernumerary and Superannuated Preachers was appointed: L. H. Jordan, E. S. Wilson, F. H. J. King, M. McNeel, D. H. K. Dix, R. M. Wallace, N. L. Baumgardner.

Report apportioning the assessment for Freedman's Aid Society was read.

Report of the Conference Board of Church Extension Society was read and adopted.

A resolution appointing and Editorial Corps for next session of Conference was adopted.

A resolution recommending Bro. Fuller for an Indian Agency was read and adopted.

On motion, the usual collections were taken, with the following result: For the Sexton, \$13.50; for Secretary's expenses, \$15.69.

Resolutions of thanks to the people and pastors of Grafton, to the B. & O. R. R., and the various steamboats were adopted. Response made by Dr. T. Kennedy, for the people of Grafton, in his happiest humor.

Dr. F. Ball, Dr. J. McK. Reiley, and J. S. Freeland were

announced by the Bishop as transferred from our Conference. Resolutions commendatory of Dr. F. Ball were adopted.

The Bishop suggested to the Conference the idea of a general visitation of the people of Charleston by the preachers, during the next session, under the direction of the Pastor and Presiding Elder.

On motion, the suggestion was unanimously adopted.*

The Minutes were read and approved.

The Bishop made a brief but touching address to the preachers, closing with a reference to his age and feebleness, making it highly probable that this was the last time that he should ever meet with us in Conference session.

The appointments of the preachers were announced. The doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, closing the thirtieth session of the West Virginia Conference.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1.—Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?

Answer.—A. C. George.

Question 2.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—C. D. Price, D. S. Hammond, A. C. Law, M. F. Compton, J. E. Mercer, J. P. Varner, C. S. Harrison, T. Cotton, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, R. R. Little, C. W. Upton, C. Polling, D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert.

Question 3.—Who remain on trial?

Answer.—S. Cummings, C. R. Shackelford, I. C. Paugh, H. Scott.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer.—C. Crawford, C. Warman, J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford.

Question 5.—Who are the Deacons of the first class?

Answer.—J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford.

Question 6.—Who are the Deacons of the second class?

Answer.—C. Warman, N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King,

*The following committee has been appointed under this resolution: A. R. Reiley, J. M. Warden, W. C. Snodgrass, J. P. Thatcher, S. Hitchens, S. Lowther, Dr. W. Prettyman, L. H. Jordan, S. E. Jones, J. H. Hess, J. J. Dolliver, M. McNeel, F. M. Hughes, H. C. Sanford, J. F. Chenowith, J. A. Fullerton, H. H. Westwood, W. T. Lewis, C. H. Lakin, W. H. Young, T. R. Faulkner, M. W. Rider, L. L. Stewart, T. P. Ryan, Jer. Engle.

W. A. Chevront, W. Wristen, W. T. Lewis, G. W. Parriott, A. D. Perry.

Question 7.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Answer.—J. W. Huggins, A. Mick, G. C. Wilding, F. G. W. Ford, J. S. Laughlin.

Question 8.—Who are the supernumerary preachers?

Answer.—J. B. Pinchen, E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, J. N. Eckess, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, E. L. Nicholson, R. Laughlin, J. T. Eichelberger, R. L. Woodyard, R. Brooks, J. W. Reger, A. J. Lyda, W. R. White, V. Sanford.

Question 9.—Who are the superannuated preachers?

Answer.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Burkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheney, J. B. Beatty, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, J. S. Laughlin, R. Northcraft, J. C. Sidebottom.

Question 10.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Answer.—This was done by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 11.—Have any located?

Answer.—D. Tasker.

Question 12.—Have any withdrawn?

Answer.—E. D. W. Buckner, R. T. Vanmeter, J. M. Powell, W. H. Satterfield.

Question 13.—Have any transferred, and to what Conference?

Answer.—J. S. Freeland, to the Iowa Conference; F. Ball, to the Central New York Conference; J. McK. Reiley, to the Baltimore Conference.

Question 14.—Have any been expelled?

Answer.—J. A. Kibbe, M. A. W. Young.

Question 15.—Have any died?

Answer.—M. Tichenel, W. L. Hindman.

Question 16.—What is the Statistical Report?

Answer.—See Statistics.

Question 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

Answer.—\$2,500.00.

Question 18.—What has been received on the forgoing Claims, and how has it been applied?

Answer.—Received

From the Stations and Circuits.....	\$812 50
“ Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Interest on the Pumphrey Fund.....	146 00
“ “ “ Ward Fund.....	5 00
“ “ in the hand of S. B. D. Prickett.....	17 67
“ “ “ “ J. L. Clark.....	13 20
“ “ “ “ S. Steele.....	6 50
Excess of funds in hand.....	31
Total.....	\$1,031 18

Which has been applied as follows:

Rev. R. L. Brooks.....	\$110 00—	Paid to.....	Self.
“ F. Guthrie.....	100 00—	“	L. L. Stewart.
“ A. Dixon.....	100 00—	“	S. E. Steele.
“ J. S. Laughlin.....	40 00—	“	G. H. Williams.
“ G. W. Matheney.....	50 00—	“	S. E. Steele.
“ D. S. Benedum.....	40 00—	“	W. H. Wiley.
“ S. D. Jones.....	10 00—	“	L. D. King.
Widow Hartley.....	50 00—	“	W. H. Riheldaffer.
“ Smith.....	25 00—	“	G. C. Wilding.
“ Monroe.....	20 00—	“	L. L. Stewart.
“ Richmond.....	20 00—	“	N. C. Beckley.
“ Blundon.....	30 00—	“	E. W. Ryan.
“ Burns.....	10 00—	“	G. Martin.
Rev. C. Conner.....	25 00—	“	Self.
“ B. Hagar.....	15 00—	“	Self.
“ R. Northcraft.....	45 00—	“	Self.
“ W. Wristen.....	10 00—	“	Self.
“ N. L. Baumgardner..	23 68—	“	Self.
“ R. S. Welsh.....	10 00—	“	Self.
“ F. H. J. King.....	30 00—	“	Self.
“ E. D. W. King.....	15 00—	“	Self.
“ J. T. Carroll.....	30 00—	“	Self.
“ C. R. Shackelford....	20 00—	“	Self.
“ W. A. Cheuvront....	25 00—	“	Self.
“ A. T. Morriston.....	25 00—	“	Self.
“ G. H. Williams.....	20 00—	“	Self.
“ C. Crawford.....	10 00—	“	Self.
“ A. D. Perry.....	15 00—	“	T. H. Trainer.
“ J. C. Sidebottom.....	20 00—	“	Self.
“ J. Engle.....	22 50—	“	T. H. Trainer.
“ D. Cool.....	10 00—	“	Stewards.
“ N. C. Beckley.....	30 00—	“	Self.
“ G. Crossfield.....	15 00—	“	Self.
“ J. J. Dolliver.....	10 00—	“	Self.

Total..... \$1,031 18

Question 19.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

Answer.—Deacons: H. E. Friend, J. Engle, Leeper Rogers, B. D. Mahone, W. T. Robinson; Elder: D. W. Rector.

Question 20.—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

Answer.—Allegheny College; in a good condition.

Question 21.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

Answer.—W. C. Wilson, President; C. D. Hubbard, Vice President; G. C. Wilding, Corresponding Secretary; John Bailie, Recording Secretary; James Reed, Treasurer. Additional members—A. R. Reiley, D. H. K. Dix, H. K. List, Esq., E. J. Stone, Esq.

Question 22.—Where are the preachers stationed?

APPOINTMENTS.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Yrs in Charge.	State in Ministry.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Morgantown District.	S Steele, P E.....	4	Elder ...	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	W. Va.
" Station	To be supplied			"	"	"
" Circuit	S Lowther.....	1	Elder ...	"	"	"
Smithtown.....	F G W Ford.....	2	"	Smithtown.....	"	"
Monongalia	J E Wasson.....	1	"	Granville.....	"	"
"	C B Price.....		On trial	"	"	W. Va.
Brandonville.....	D Cool.....	1	Elder ...	Brandonville.....	Preston	"
Pleasant Hill.....	G Rogers.....	1	"	Portland	"	"
Grantsville.....	J Lee.....	1	"	Grantsville.....	Garrett	Md.
Kingwood.....	W Prettyman.....	2	"	Kingwood.....	Preston	W. Va.
Masontown.....	G C Schaeffer.....	1	"	"	"	"
Oakland	B Ison.....	1	"	Oakland	Garrett	Md.
Deer Park.....	To be supplied.....			Deer Park.....	"	"
Newburgh.....	S King.....	1	Elder ...	Newburgh.....	Preston	W. Va.
Evansville.....	C J Trippett.....	3	"	Evansville.....	"	"
Pleasant Grove.....	J W Hess.....	1	"	"	"	"
Grafton.....	L H Jordan.....	1	"	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	W. Va.
Knottsville.....	W J Sharpes.....	1	"	Knottsville.....	"	"
Fetterman.....	S E Jones.....	1	Deacon.	Fetterman.....	"	"
Palatine.....	J B Feather.....	2	Elder ...	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
St. George.....	J G Weaver.....	3	"	St George	Tucker.....	"
Thornton.....	To be supplied.....			"	"	"
Selbysp't & Johnst'n	T W Chidester.....	1	Elder ...	"	"	"
Rowlesburg.....	M F Compton.....	1	On trial	"	Preston	W. Va.
J. R. Thompson.....	"			"	"	"
Wheeling District....	W E Wilson, P E.....	1	Elder ...	Wheeling	Ohio.....	W. Va.
" Fourth Street	A C George.....	1	"	"	"	"
" North Street.	G C Wilding.....	2	"	"	"	"
" Thomson Ch.....	A R Reiley.....	1	"	"	"	"
" Zane Street....	S B D Prickitt	1	"	"	"	"
" Chapline St.....	W C Snodgrass.....	2	"	"	"	"
" Wesley Ch.....	W E Rippey.....	1	"	"	"	"
Fulton.....	G E Hite.....	2	"	"	"	"
Marshall.....	W M West.....	1	"	Sherrard	Marshall	"
"	One to be supplied.			"	"	"
Benwood	C Conner.....	2	Elder ...	Benwood.....	Marshall	W. Va.
Moundsville.....	J M Warden.....	1	"	Moundsville.....	"	"
New Martinsville....	W G Riheladaffer.....	3	Deacon.	New Martinsville	Wetzel.....	"
Greene.....	G W Parriott.....	1	"	Bellton.....	Marshall	"
Cameron.....	J L Clark.....	2	Elder ...	Cameron.....	"	"
Grave Creek.....	W F Cannan.....	1	"	Moundsville.....	"	"
"	One to be supplied.			"	"	"
Dallas.....	S Hitchens.....	1	Elder ...	Dallas.....	Marshall	W. Va.
Sh't Cr'k & Liberty	J P Thatcher.....	1	"	Liberty.....	Ohio.....	"
Triadelphia.....	D H K Dix.....	1	"	Triadelphia	"	"
F. W. Woodt.....	"			"	"	"
W. H. Morton.....	"			"	"	"
Clarksburg District...	J W W Bolton, P E	4	Elder ...	Worthington.....	Marion.....	W. Va.
" Station....	W E Loomis.....	1	"	Clarksburg.....	Harrison.....	"
West Milford.....	W W Kelley.....	1	"	West Milford.....	"	"
Wilsonburg.....	J H Hess.....	1	Deacon.	Wilsonburg.....	"	"
"	I C Faugh.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
Cherry Camp.....	R S Welsh.....	1	Elder ...	Cherry Camp.....	Harrison.....	W. Va.
Smithton.....	J C Rexroad.....	1	"	Smithton.....	Doddridge.....	"
Lumberport.....	N B Johnson.....	1	Deacon.	Lumberport.....	Marion.....	"
Pruntytown.....	C S Allemong.....	1	Elder ...	Pruntytown.....	Taylor.....	"
Bridgeport.....	C H Conway.....	1	"	Bridgeport.....	Harrison.....	"
Fairmont.....	G Martin.....	3	"	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
Marion.....	J J Dolliver.....	1	"	Barracksville.....	"	"
Mannington.....	M McNeel.....	3	"	Mannington.....	"	"
Pine Grove.....	J E Mercer.....	1	On trial	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	"
Blacksville.....	J P Varner.....	1	"	Blacksville.....	Monongalia	"
Jollytown.....	W D Carrico.....	3	Elder :	Jollytown.....	Pa.....	"
Littleton.....	S Cummings.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
J. G. Blair.....	"			"	"	"

* President West Virginia University, appointed by Board of Regents, January 12, 1877; member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference. † Professor Mt. Union College; ‡ Secretary of West Virginia Educational Society; members of Thompson Quarterly Conference
 || Principal State Normal School; member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Years in Charge	State in Minis-try.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE
Buckhannon District.	T B Hughes, P E.....	4	Elder ...	Buckhannon.....	Upshur	W. Va.
" Station	E S Wilson.....	1	"	"	"	"
" Circuit	L D Casto.....	1	"	"	"	"
Phillippi.....	F M Hughes.....	2	"	Phillippi.....	Barbour.....	"
Upshur.....	John Conwell.....	1	"	"	"	"
Beverly.....	A Mick.....	1	"	Beverly	Randolph.....	W. Va.
Sutton.....	C W Upton.....	1	On trial	Sutton.....	Braxton.....	"
Webster.....	C Poling	1	"	"	"	"
Frenchton.....	W E Lovett.....	3	Elder ...	Centreville.....	Upshur	"
Canaan.....	R Weese.....	1	"	"	"	W. Va.
Weston.....	H C Sanford.....	1	"	Weston.....	Lewis	"
Glenville.....	J F Snodgrass.....	1	"	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	"
Randolph.....	D M Heaston.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
Freemansburg.....	C Warman.....	1	Elder ...	"	"	"
Parkersburg District.	A Hall, P E.....	4	Elder ...	Parkersburg.....	Wood	W. Va.
" Station	C E Manchester.....	1	"	"	"	"
" Circuit	J F Chenoweth.....	1	"	"	"	"
Williamstown.....	L D King.....	2	Deacon.	Williamstown.....	"	"
Mt. Pleasant.....	T Cotton.....	1	Elder ...	"	"	"
Volcano.....	J A Fullerton.....	1	"	Volcano.....	Wood	W. Va.
Belleville.....	H H Westwood.....	3	"	Belleville.....	"	"
Ravenswood.....	W H Shaw.....	1	"	Ravenswood.....	Jackson.....	"
Harrisville.....	R M Wallace.....	3	"	Harrisville.....	Ritchie.....	"
Elizabeth.....	W T Lewis.....	2	Deacon.	Elizabeth.....	Wirt.....	"
Ellenboro.....	C H Lakin.....	2	Elder ...	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
West Union.....	W H Young.....	2	"	West Union.....	Doddridge.....	"
Sistersville.....	E C Woodruff.....	2	"	Sistersville.....	Tyler.....	"
St. Mary's.....	T R Faulkner.....	1	"	St. Mary's.....	Pleasants.....	"
Middlebourne.....	H J Boatman.....	2	"	Middlebourne.....	Tyler.....	"
Centreville.....	J W Lambert.....	1	On trial	Centreville.....	"	"
Charleston District.	S E Steele, P E.....	2	Elder ...	Kanawha C. H.....	Kanawha	W. Va.
" Station	E W Ryan.....	2	"	"	"	"
" Circuit	A T Morriston.....	1	"	"	"	"
East Charleston Cir.	B Hagar.....	2	"	"	"	"
Malden.....	G Crossfield.....	2	"	Kanawha Salines.....	"	"
Nicholas.....	F H J King.....	2	"	Summersville.....	Nicholas	"
"	One to be supplied.....	"	"	"	"	"
Mountain Cove.....	To be supplied.....	"	"	Mountain Cove.....	Fayette.....	W. Va.
Hartford City.....	To be supplied.....	"	"	Hartford City.....	Mason.....	"
Mason City.....	M W Rider.....	2	Elder ...	Mason City.....	"	"
Clifton.....	L L Stewart.....	1	"	Clifton.....	"	"
Point Pleasant.....	F A Trippett.....	1	"	Point Pleasant.....	"	"
Leon.....	E D W King.....	2	Deacon.	Leon.....	"	"
Mill Creek.....	J T Carroll.....	1	Elder ...	Fisher's Point.....	Jackson.....	"
Ripley.....	To be Supplied.....	"	"	Ripley.....	"	"
Spencer.....	N C Beckley.....	2	Elder ...	Spencer.....	Roane.....	"
Smithville.....	J W Griffiths.....	2	"	"	"	"
Arnoldsburg.....	T P Ryan.....	1	Deacon.	Arnoldsburg.....	Calhoun.....	W. Va.
Bell Creek.....	H Scott.....	2	On trial	Big Sycamore.....	Clay	"
Elk River.....	J T Davis.....	1	Elder ...	Clendennin.....	Kanawha	"
Clay Mission.....	To be supplied.....	"	"	"	"	"
Buffalo.....	To be supplied.....	"	"	Buffalo.....	Putnam.....	W. Va.
Guyandotte District.	T H Trainer, P E.....	4	Elder ...	Guyandotte.....	Cabell.....	W. Va.
" Station	J W Huggins.....	2	"	"	"	"
Huntington.....	J W Webb.....	2	"	Huntington.....	"	"
Barboursville.....	C Crawford.....	1	Deacon.	Barboursville.....	"	"
Wayne.....	G H Williams.....	1	"	Buffalo Shoals.....	Wayne.....	"
Ceredo.....	J Engle.....	1	On trial	Ceredo.....	"	"
Monticello.....	D S Hammond.....	1	"	"	"	"
Winfield.....	J W Bedford.....	1	Deacon.	Winfield.....	Putnam.....	W. Va.
Hamline.....	B Darlington.....	1	Elder ...	Hamline.....	Lincoln.....	"
Coal River.....	B D Mahone.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
St. Albans & Milton	To be supplied.....	"	"	"	"	"
Boone.....	W Wristen.....	1	Deacon.	"	"	"
Fayette.....	N L Baumgardner.....	2	Elder ...	Fayetteville.....	Fayette.....	W. Va.
Mercer.....	C S Harrison.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
Raleigh & Summers	C R Shackleford.....	1	"	"	"	"
Coalburg.....	W A Cheuvront.....	2	Deacon.	"	"	"
Wyom'g & M'Dow'g	R R Little.....	1	On trial	"	"	"
Cassville.....	A D Perry.....	2	Deacon.	"	"	"

Question 23.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

Answer.—Charleston, Kanawha county, West Va. Time not given.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

ON COURSE OF STUDY.

First Year.—W. E. LOOMIS, D. H. K. DIX, F. A. TRIPPETT, J. W. HUGGINS.

Second Year.—E. S. WILSON, R. M. WALLACE, W. W. KELLEY, D. COOL.

Third Year.—L. L. STEWART, W. H. SHAW, N. L. BAUMGARDNER, L. H. JORDAN.

Fourth Year.—F. BALL, F. M. HUGHES, F. H. J. KING, J. W. WEBB.

ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

J. F. SNODGRASS, H. J. BOATMAN, C. S. ALLEMONG.

ON LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

M. W. RIDER, L. D. CASTO, C. J. TRIPPETT.

ON LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

W. H. YOUNG, C. CONNER, W. D. CARRICO.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

W. C. SNODGRASS.

Alternate—A. R. REILEY.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

W. E. LOVETT,
J. B. FEATHER,

J. W. GRIFFITTS,
R. M. WALLACE,
N. L. BAUMGARDNER.

G. MARTIN.
A. R. REILEY,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STEWARDS REPORT.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Board would call the attention of the Conference to the following matters :

1st. The great deficiency there is in the claims of the preachers as reported (see Table), to-wit: \$11,386.68.

2d. The great seeming inequality that exists in some parts of the work between the deficiency in the claims of the preachers and the Presiding Elders, in many cases the former receiving only from forty to sixty per cent. of their claims while the latter are paid in full, or nearly so.

3d. The sad falling off in the collections of this year—being \$190 less than last. Do the brethren bring before their people the great want of those preachers who labor for Christ out on the frontier, with barely enough to make life endurable?

4th. The lack of detailed information as to the needs of those to whom the funds are to be applied. In many instances our only information was obtained by inquiry. We again ask, should not the Board be informed in writing in regard to these matters?

The Board reports the amount necessary for the support of claimants and necessitous cases for the ensuing year at twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500 00), and apportions it among the Districts as follows:

Morgantown.....	\$550 00
Wheeling.....	700 00
Clarksburg.....	425 00
Buckhannon.....	150 00
Parkersburg.....	375 00
Charleston.....	225 00
Guyandotte.....	75 00
Total.....	\$2500 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. NORTHCRAFT, Chairman.

E. J. STONE, Secretary.

ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

The total collection is \$91.13. This is a decrease of \$19.12 from last year. This decrease, to a certain extent, is owing to the hard times, but we are fully persuaded that much more

might have been done had we prayerfully considered the cause and presented it properly to the people. A great number of charges present no report whatever as to this collection. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we will take up collections in all our charges for the Freedman's Aid Society, and urge our people to increased liberality in this direction.

Resolved, 2. That we will use all our influence and power to spread over our charges the necessary intelligence concerning this Society, in order to remove the prejudice existing against it.

ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, a heavy per cent. of the calamities and ills that occur and exist among men are attributable to the use of alcoholic drinks; and *whereas*, many and earnest have been the prayers offered up, and numerous and varied the efforts for the suppression of the vice of Intemperance; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice in the general prosperity of the cause of Temperance and in the wonderful Temperance revival that was recently inaugurated in Pittsburgh, and that bids fair to extend throughout the country.

Resolved, 2. That we will, God helping, teach, with renewed zeal, total abstinence from all intoxicants, and advocate earnestly the cause of total prohibition.

Resolved, 3. Further, that we will require our Stewards to provide unfermented wine for Sacramental purposes.

ON CASE OF G. RODGERS.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

After having heard and considered, first, the statement of Bro. T. B. Hughes, P. E., of Buckhannon District, and then of Bro. Gilbert Rodgers, we find there are no grounds for charges, and that pressure of circumstances, and not unwillingness, prevented his going to the work assigned him. And we recommend that his character pass.

W. C. WILSON,
H. C. SANFORD,
J. G. WEAVER,
J. F. SNODGRASS,
J. J. DOLLIVER.

M. W. RIDER,
A. R. REILEY,
J. W. WEBB,
A. STEVENS,

GEO. C. WILDING, Secretary.

G. MARTIN, President.

ON THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Journals of the Morgantown and Wheeling District Conferences have been placed in the hands of the Committee, and, after due examination, we report favorably upon the records of both the Districts.

J. L. CLARK,
G. C. WILDING.

ON JONES BEQUEST.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The money received from the Jones Estate has been kept on interest and the interest added to the principal, as directed by the Conference, until it has reached the sum of \$617.67; \$17.67 of which has been paid to the Stewards, and the balance remains invested as directed.

S. B. D. PRICKITT, Trustee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, after due examination, report the same correct.

L. L. STEWART, Chairman.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Centenary Fund in my custody is \$165. It has been loaned to Bro. Northcraft, at eight per cent. interest, and a deed of trust taken upon real estate as security. The interest, amounting to \$13.20, is in my possession, waiting the order of the Conference.

JAMES L. CLARK, Secretary.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Bible Cause deserves more consideration than has been usually accorded it in our reports.

The extreme destitution of some sections of our work has been repeatedly represented to us by the agents of the American Bi-

ble Society. The wealthier portions of our territory have been appealed to over and over again for means by which to distribute cheap editions of the Bible in destitute fields. The County Auxiliary system, with us, has proven a failure. We are of the opinion that the Parent Society should regard this territory as missionary ground and take the chief steps to secure a thorough canvassing of the State. We are gratified to learn that a few colporteurs have been employed in this work, but as their operations cover the richer and more densely populated counties, with the understanding that the sales of Bibles must prove the means of compensation for the labor, it is still left problematical how the sparsely inhabited and poorer counties shall be supplied.

Contributions have diminished. Men have been called from the field, and a rigid economy practiced to avoid financial peril. Our brethren have felt themselves justified in not calling for the usual collection by the extraordinary gloom that has settled upon the industries of the land, so that the contributions this year amount to only \$210.48.

But now that a better day is dawning, may not our benevolent work start with the returning tide? May not every preacher and every member of our Church, this coming Conference year, be inspired with a love for this gracious work of giving the precious Word of Life to those, who, without it, sit in darkness and the shadow of death?

We suggest that the Conference adopt some plan by which this work may be crowned with success. We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, Our gratitude is due the American Bible Society for the liberal donations of Bibles to our State.

Resolved, That we will co-operate with State Agent, Rev. W. R. Long, in the general work, and also with the County Agents, in their work of canvassing the territory.

Resolved, That we will take up a collection for this cause and report at the next session of this Conference.

W. R. WHITE.

ON CONFERENCE SEMINARY.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred, at our last annual session, the subject of receiving proposals for the establishment of a Conference Seminary, beg leave to report as follows:

We have received but one proposal, namely, from Buckhannon, Upshur county.

This town offers to the Conference a subscription amounting to six thousand five hundred and ninety dollars (\$6,590), and also a most beautiful site for the Seminary, containing over three acres of land, worth at least \$1,500, making a total of \$8,090.

Your Committee would, in view of the very liberal offer made by the town of Buckhannon, and other considerations which need not be embodied in this report, respectfully recommend Buckhannon as the place for a Seminary under our patronage.

And we would further recommend that the Conference appoint Trustees to receive the subscriptions and donation from Buckhannon, and that they be instructed to proceed at once to the construction of such buildings as, in their judgment, may be necessary for present purposes, but not to go beyond the means placed in their hands for this purpose, now or hereafter.

THE PUMPHREY BEQUEST.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Pumphrey Bequest of \$1,825 has been loaned as directed by the Conference, and secured by real estate, at eight per cent., and the interest paid to the Board of Stewards.

A. J. LYDA,
G. MARTIN.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

GRAFTON, March 21, 1877.

Amount of Educational Funds in the hands of N. Goff, Treasurer, March 21, 1877:

To United States Bonds, 5-20.....	\$1,150 00
Cash on hands.....	115 20
S. & D. Haseltons' Note.....	435 00
H. Osborne's Note.....	70 00
Rev. R. A. Arthur's Note.....	227 00
Total.....	\$1,997 20

NATHAN GOFF, Treasurer

ON THE SABBATH.

WHEREAS, the observance of the Sabbath is expressly enjoined by the Scriptures, and is essential to Christian character and even to a high civilization;

Resolved, 1. That we heartily disapprove of all desecration of this sacred day either by individuals or corporations, in home interests or on public thoroughfares, in the humble shop or in the great manufactory.

Resolved, 2. That we will, as the Discipline requires, preach specifically on it during the year and labor to secure a correct sentiment and practice on the subject.

ON TRACT CAUSE.

Amount collected from the various charges, \$62.12. We would submit the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That it is the duty of every pastor to urge the claims of the Tract cause upon the people of their various charges and use every effort to secure good collections for the same.

We would also advise a systematic effort in the distribution of Tracts through organized Societies.

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The following amounts have been assigned to the several Districts for collection for the Freedman's Aid Society:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 85 00
Wheeling "	155 00
Clarksburg "	75 00
Parkersburg "	75 00
Buckhannon "	60 00
Charleston "	60 00
Guyandotte "	40 00
Total.....	\$550 00

ON PERIODICALS.

We are highly gratified with the continued and increasing prosperity of our Book Concern in general, and our periodicals in particular.

We are furthermore of the opinion that no literature of the present day is superior to the literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In proportion to the extent of the patronage they bestow upon the periodicals of our Church, do our people become efficient in every relation of life and practice.

Accounts of long standing have been placed in the hands of the committee, to which they call the immediate attention of the persons concerned.

The continued support of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, we especially commend to all our preachers and people, and most earnestly ask that they continue to take a lively interest in its prosperity.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to report as follows:

The total amount contributed by the West Virginia Conference for Church extension since the organization of the Church Extension Society, is \$2,485.72. During this time we have received from the Parent Society, at Philadelphia, \$9,548.80 in donations, and \$1,150.00 in loans; making a total of \$10,698.80.

This amount has been applied to the aid of seventy-five (75) churches within our bounds. Last year there were one hundred and thirteen charges, of which five took collections of \$10.00 and over, and sixty-two charges contributed smaller amounts, while from forty-six charges no reports whatever were made. This shows that we have received, in donations, \$7,063.08 more than we have contributed, besides \$1,150.00 in loans.

The Parent Board agreed to give us \$1,000.00 this year, provided we would raise \$500.00 of this amount. We have contributed \$171.65.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend the division of the \$500.00, we are asked to raise, among the Districts; and the subdivision of these amounts among all the charges, and a special effort to meet the entire apportionment.

The following amounts have been assigned to the several Districts for collection during the current Conference year:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 80 00
Wheeling ".....	150 00
Clarksburg ".....	75 00
Parkersburg ".....	75 00
Buckhannon ".....	60 00
Charleston ".....	60 00
Guyandotte ".....	40 00
Total.....	\$540 00

F. BALL, President.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

GRAFTON, March 24, 1877.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

On Conference trunk.....	\$1 00
Expressage on Journals.....	50
Conference envelopes.....	4 37
Stationery, Postage, &c.....	3 73
Total.....	\$9 60

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 08
Collection at Conference.....	9 90—\$9 98
Balance in hands of Secretary.....	38

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

FUNDS.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 6 53
From preachers.....	97 30
From advertisements.....	87 00—\$190 83

EXPENSES.

Printing 1,000 copies.....	\$134 75
Labels, postage stamps, expressage, &c.....	8 25
Counterfeit.....	50—\$143 50

Balance in hands of Secretaries.....	\$ 47 33
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The contract for printing, securing advertisements, and sending out the Minutes, &c., was committed to Bros. Wilding and Manchester, who did their work well.

JAMES L. CLARK, Secretary.

ON EDUCATION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has always been the friend of popular and liberal Education. Whether in its relations to the educational systems of the State and Nation, or in its more strictly denominational enterprises, it has fostered, advocated and promoted the enlightenment and elevation of the popular intelligence; rejecting the impious assertion, that "Ignorance is the mother of devotion," it seeks the cultivation of a piety controlled by intelligence, and a patriotism fostered by religion.

The West Virginia Conference rejoices in the growing intelligence of the people of the State, and the increasing efficiency of our public school system.

We heartily commend to the young men of our State, the State University, at Morgantown, as affording ample facilities for broad and thorough intellectual culture.

We note with pride the increasing prosperity of Allegheny College, and recommend the appointment of E. W. Ryan, W. R. White, and B. F. Martin as Visiting Committee to the same.

We are gratified, also, at the increasing influence of Mount Union College; cordially recommend it to the patronage of our people, regarding this institution as an efficient agency in the promotion of the causes both of education and religion, and request the Bishop to re-appoint Rev. F. W. Wood as Professor of Modern Languages and Literature of said College; also, the appointment of W. H. Morton, J. W. Webb and J. W. Reger, as Visiting Committee, and Gideon Martin, W. C. Snodgrass, and J. W. W. Bolton, as Committee of Supervision of Mount Union College.

We recognize the fact that a Conference Seminary is a great desideratum, and recommend the careful consideration of the matter by the Conference at its present session.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Resolved, 1. That we rejoice, in common with all thoughtful lovers of the kingdom of Christ, in the constantly increasing care of the Church for the great Sabbath school cause.

Resolved, 2. Considering, however, the high grade of intelligence and of influence which the Church has reached, we urge that still greater devotion be given to teaching simple Gospel Truth, and to instilling into the minds of the children and youth, by patient and unwearying toil, the Catechism of our Church.

Resolved, 3. That a much greater amount of labor is called for, that the full measure of benefit be obtained from this honored and blessed institution of Sabbath school teaching.

Resolved, 4. That the conversion of Sunday school scholars should be more directly aimed at, and more prayerfully, hopefully, and persistently pursued.

Resolved, 5. That these Christian efforts of Sunday school teaching, prayer, and watch-care, offer to the Church the most promising field for culture, growth, and gathering strength, of which we can form any conception, and we trust that throughout the bounds of our Conference the membership will see to it that Sunday schools are nursed summer and winter, and that the children are constantly directed to seek for converting grace, from their tenderest years.

Resolved, 6. That brethren are respectfully requested to give more faithful attention to instructing in the great doctrine of Infant Baptism.

Resolved, 7. That we will give more attention to the literature of our Sunday schools, and in all instances when books are to be purchased, we will recommend, and make proper efforts to purchase, our own publications.

MISSIONARY AND EPISCOPACY.

The following assessments have been made on the several Districts, for the year commencing March, 1877, for Missionary and Episcopal funds:

DISTRICTS.	MISSIONARY	EPISCOPAL
	FUND.	FUND.
Morgantown.....	\$ 700 00	\$ 80 00
Wheeling.....	1700 00	100 00
Clarksburg.....	400 00	60 00
Buckhannon.....	250 00	40 00
Parkersburg.....	500 00	60 00
Charleston.....	350 00	60 00
Guyandotte.....	200 00	30 00
Total	\$4100 00	\$430 00

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the reports of all Committees appointed by the Conference must be duplicated; and all resolutions offered must be presented in writing.

Resolved by the West Virginia Annual Conference, That we have learned with pleasure of the election of the Rev. J. R. Thompson, A. M., to the Presidency of the West Virginia University, and that we tender to the new President our heartiest congratulations, and promise him our earnest co-operation.

Resolved, That the Bishops be, and are hereby, earnestly requested to change the time of the meeting of the West Virginia Conference from March to September or October.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to procure a book in which to record the memoirs and principal incidents in the lives of the deceased brethren of our Conference.

Resolved, That hereafter the funds for the publication of the minutes be raised by calling the roll on the third day of Conference, and that the members respond to their names indicating the amount they are willing to contribute.

WHEREAS, Our brother, Rev. J. S. Freeland, having been transferred to the Iowa Conference,

Resolved, 1. That we cherish with pleasant recollections the Christian spirit and efficient labors of Bro. Freeland.

Resolved, 2. That we recommend Bro. Freeland to the confidence of our brethren of the Iowa Conference.

Resolved, That the Secretary be appointed to secure a box for the reception of the envelopes containing the funds for the various benevolent collections, as handed in at the future sessions of our Conference.

Having heard through Rev. C. W. Smith of the health and happiness of his father, Rev. Wesley Smith, our former co-laborer in the faith and tribulation of our beloved Methodism in this State in *ante bellum* times; and,

WHEREAS, He has sent his kindly greetings and kind remembrances to us in our Conference Love Feast; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we send to our worthy brother, Rev. W. Smith, our cordial greetings and thanks for his former labors amongst us, so well calculated to edify the Church and to sustain our beloved Methodism in this State in troublous times; and should he visit our Conference at any time we will give him a hearty West Virginia welcome.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be published in our Minutes, and the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Rev. Franklin Ball, D. D., has been transferred to the Central New York Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we regret the dissolution of the intimate relation that has existed between him and us; and that we wish him great success in his new field of ministerial toil, and give assurance that our prayers shall accompany him; and should he at any time in the future return to us, we will most heartily receive him again into our number.

Resolved, That E. W. Ryan, W. C. Snodgrass, S. R. Dawson, C. E. Manchester, and L. L. Stewart be appointed an editorial corps to aid the publisher of the Conference daily paper at our next session, in case such daily be published; and also to make an effort to have some reliable person make arrangements for such publication.

ON FRATERNITY.

WHEREAS, We have heard with great pleasure of the action of the Commission appointed by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at their session at Cape May; and,

WHEREAS, Said action has given entire satisfaction to the ministers and members of our Church in this Conference, and has given us a basis on which the two grand sections of our beloved Methodism may stand and rejoice together; and,

WHEREAS, It is still desirable to have closer communion and fraternity; therefore,

Resolved, That we as a Conference will use all means in our power to carry out the desires of the Commission and extend to our brethren of the M. E.

Church, South, the right hand of fellowship, and trust the day is not far distant when all the Methodisms shall be one, because we be brethren in faith and polity.

Resolved, That these preambles and resolutions be published in the Conference minutes and the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, and a copy sent by the Secretary of our Conference to the Secretary of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

GRAFTON, March 27, 1877.

As this is the first time our Conference has met in Grafton, and as the citizens of all denominations, and those, also, who belong to no religious denomination, have kindly and hospitably entertained us with the usual Grafton hospitality; and,

WHEREAS, The ministers and trustees of the Protestant churches have thrown open their churches to be supplied during the session by our ministers and committees; and,

WHEREAS, Our associations with the people here have been of the most cordial Christian character; therefore,

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Conference is due, and is hereby given, to the citizens of Grafton generally for their Christian hospitality and attention to us as a Conference and individuals, and should we again visit Grafton as a Conference we will gladly come. And our thanks are hereby tendered to the pastors and trustees of the Protestant churches for the use of their churches during our session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and to the captains of the several steamboats who have reduced the fare for our benefit.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Episcopal Plan of Visitation, our beloved and venerable Bishop, E. R. AMES, D. D., has again presided at our Annual Conference, which has been a Conference of great harmony, and deliberative action upon the many important questions presented for consideration; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of Bishop AMES' mature counsels, and the lively interest he has shown in all matters pertaining to the development and strengthening of our beloved Methodism, and, also, the educational interests of the State. His wise and affectionate counsels in the Cabinet and in the Conference, have won our highest esteem and love. We shall always hold him in kindest remembrance, and will continue to pray for his continued good health, and that the peace of God, which passeth knowledge, may keep his mind and heart in the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. And, further, should it be in the order of Providence that he should

visit us again as our presiding Bishop, we will receive him most heartily; but should we never meet him again in the flesh, we feel assured that we shall hail him in the land of immortality.

WHEREAS, through the hurry of business, at the close of Conference, our brother Rev. Benj. Ison was overlooked in the adoption of complimentary resolutions; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we hereby tender to brother Ison our hearty thanks for, and acknowledgment of, the wisdom he displayed in procuring entertainment for the members of, and visitors to, the Conference, and for performing the very difficult task of assigning the best preacher to each home, and the best home to each preacher.

Resolved, 2. That this preamble and resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of our Conference, with a request to insert among the regular resolutions of the Minutes.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

"Whosoever Liveth and Believeth in Me, Shall Never Die."

NAMES.	Where Died.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Virginia.....	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854.....	Effective.....	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
William Sumners.....	Kingwood, West Virginia.....	March 29, 1855.....	Superannuated.....	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....	.....	April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
Jesse Freeland.....	.....	June 6, 1856.....	Superannuated.....	40	.....
Alpheus Robe.....	.....	.....	On Trial.....	33	2
James A. Young.....	.....	.....	On Trial.....	.....	1
W. D. Warman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Virginia.....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....	.....	4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, West Virginia.....	January 24, 1870.....	Superannuated.....	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, West Virginia.....	.....	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, West Virginia.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, West Virginia.....	March 6, 1873.....	Effective.....	37	7
George W. Richmond.....	Wheeling, West Virginia.....	March 16, 1874.....	Effective.....	41	17
Thomas M. Hartley.....	West Liberty.....	May 3, 1875.....	Effective.....	33	11
Michael Dowler.....	Marshall County, West Virginia.....	November 29, 1875.....	Superannuated.....	70	6
Moses Ticheanel.....	Rosemond, Illinois.....	May 23, 1876.....	Superannuated.....	70	38
Wilson L. Hindman.....	Moundsville, West Virginia.....	March 17, 1877.....	Effective.....	.....	28

MEMOIRS.

REV. MOSES TITCHENEL,

OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Rev. Moses Titchenel, of the West Virginia Conference, was born in Preston county, Virginia, (now West Virginia,) February 21, 1807, and died at his home in Rosemond, Christian county, Illinois, May 23, 1876, in the seventieth year of his age.

He was converted and joined the Church when fourteen years of age. When nineteen he received license as a local preacher, signed by Thornton Fleming, P. E., of the Pittsburgh district.

His itinerant career commenced in 1828, under the presiding elder on Lewis circuit. In 1829 he was received on trial into the Pittsburgh Conference, and appointed to the Lewis circuit, John Talbott in charge; in 1830, Woodsfield, Ohio, with John Johnson; 1831, Connellsville, Pennsylvania, with J. G. Sansom and J. Spencer, now in Oregon. In 1832 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Emory, and appointed to Middlebourne circuit, where he remained two years. In 1834 he was in Blairsville station. During that year he was united in marriage to Miss Elvira S. Squires, a lady in every respect worthy of his confidence, and well qualified for her new and responsible position in the Church. In 1835-6, Harrison; 1837-8, Elizabeth; 1839, Wellsburg station; 1840, New Lisbon, Ohio; 1841, Morgantown circuit; 1842, Lewis; 1843-4, agent for the West Virginia Academy; 1845-6, Marion; 1847-8, Morgantown circuit; 1849-50, Pruntytown; 1851, '52, '53, '54, presiding elder on the Clarksburg district.

In 1852 he was a delegate to the General Conference. In 1855 he traveled as Conference Tract Agent; 1856, '57, '58, presiding elder on Wheeling District; 1859-60, Triadelphia; 1861, '62, '63, supernumerary; 1864, Knottsville; 1865-6, Triadelphia.

In 1867 he was compelled to give up horseback riding on account of rheumatism, the result of previous exposure. Supposing a change of climate might be favorable to his recovery, he removed to Rosemond, Illinois. In the course of a few months he found himself sufficiently recovered to supply the pulpit of Taylorsville station, during a protracted illness of the pastor. Portions of the years 1868-9 were spent in West Virginia among old friends, of whom he had many, and who were always ready to receive him with Christian greetings. On his return to Illinois he engaged in mission work, organized two societies, and was instrumental in one of the most powerful revivals of religion ever known in that section of country. That revival resulted in the erection of a fine church edifice, planned and pushed to its completion by

his superior skill and untiring energy, under the most unfavorable circumstances. That was his last regular work, though he continued to preach, occasionally, while health and strength permitted him so to do. From the responsibilities of the pulpit he *never* wavered.

In March, 1874, he for the last time attended the session of the West Virginia Conference, held in Fairmont, of which he remained an honored member. Soon after his return to his home in Illinois, he had a violent attack of congestion of the lungs, from which he so far recovered as to be quite comfortable the following winter and spring. But in the fall of 1875 congestion returned, followed by spasmodic asthma, and that by dropsy, which terminated his eventful life May 23, 1876.

In the life and labors of this sainted servant of God there are many points of thrilling interest to which reference might be made did space allow. His early surroundings were wholly adverse to a religious life. From the hands of an ungodly father, he met with the sternest opposition, which alone yielded to the powerful influence of a consistent Christian life. He grew in favor with his brethren until fully convinced that God had a work for him to do, they thrust him out into the ministry. His education, in minor points, was incomplete, but having been blest with a native intellect above the average, and a remarkably retentive memory, by the dint of perseverance and industry, he soon rose to eminence among his brethren, both in the ministry and the laity. He read much, retained well, and had a mind well stored with useful knowledge in matters appertaining not only to the best and highest interests of the Church, but also of the country. He was thoroughly loyal both to the Church and the Government, and contributed in no small degree to the welfare of both in the times of our sorest conflicts, firmly and fearlessly standing for the right.

As a public speaker he was fluent, earnest, and at times, eloquent, moving the masses at will or pleasure. Through his ministry hundreds, perhaps thousands, have been led to the Saviour. I doubt if any one has ever accomplished more for the Church than this indefatigable servant of God, within the bounds of the West Virginia Conference.

His last sickness run through a period of fifteen months, during which time he was never heard to complain, but often to say, "The future looks bright;" "I feel very comfortable;" "I am so near the throne;" "There is such a weight of glory;" "God does sustain me;" "Come, Lord Jesus." For thirteen days previous to his death, day and night, he had ecstasy of joy. And but a few moments before ceasing to breathe, his prayer was: "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." His prayer was heard and answered; and his blood-washed soul returned to God who gave it.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

F. BALL,
H. C. SANFORD,
G. MARTIN.

REV. W. L. HINDMAN,

Of the West Virginia Conference, exchanged earth for glory, from Moundsville, West Virginia, March 17, 1877, in his fifty-seventh year.

Our dear brother was actively engaged in ministerial labor, as a member of this body, for the long term of twenty-eight years.

He was a man of exemplary life, quiet demeanor, walking closely with God, and enjoying a very deep and rich Christian experience.

At the time of his decease, he was preacher in charge of Grave Creek circuit, Wheeling district, and very greatly endeared to the people for whose spiritual interests he had faithfully labored. His illness was of six weeks' duration, and while his bodily sufferings were severe, he enjoyed, through grace, perfect peace of mind, being calmly staid on God, and, at times, triumphant in the Rock of his salvation.

He had seasons of unspeakable joy, and the rapture of glory filled his soul. When spoken to about the great salvation he experienced, he said, "It needs no explanation, its all light to me."

Several times he shouted aloud the praise of God, triumphing over the last enemy.

A day or two before his departure he said to a brother, "I have a grand experience this morning, and the old ship sails grandly. I have a firm grip. I shall live forever. If there are any men on earth I love, they are Methodist preachers."

When his change came, he "fell asleep" without the movement of a muscle, and his pure spirit ascended, to be forever with the Lord.

Brother Hindman has left to the sympathy and care of the Church, a widow, an estimable and devoted Christian lady, and a grown daughter.

F. BALL,
H. C. SANFORD,
G. MARTIN.

Stewards' Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference for the Year Ending March, 1877.

APPOINTMENTS.		PREACHERS.			Preisding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Bishops.
		NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Morgantown Dist't		Sam'l Steele, P E.	\$ 1,000 00					
" Station		J R Thompson.....	1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 105 00	\$ 105 00	\$ 81 87	\$ 9 00
" Circuit		L Warman.....	550 00	500 00	80 00	78 75	3 00	2 00
Smithton	"	F G W Ford.....	435 00	317 17	45 00	45 00	1 00	2 00
Monongalia	"	J F Snodgrass.....	800 00	630 00	95 00	83 15	10 00	8 00
Brandonville	"	W J Sharpes.....	525 00	525 00	80 00	80 00	8 00	2 00
		C J B Price.....	100 00	100 00				
Pleasant Hill	"	J W Hess.....	425 00	287 25	45 00	41 00	1 40	1 05
Grantsville	"	T W Chidester.....	450 00	380 00	60 00	60 00	1 00	2 00
Kingwood	"	W Prettyman.....	700 00	700 00	75 00	75 00	24 25	4 79
Masontown	"	J J Dolliver.....	700 00	450 00	50 00	45 00		
Oakland	"	J A Fullerton.....	700 00	700 00	60 00	60 00	10 00	2 00
Deer Park	"	W E George.....	300 00	173 72	25 00	25 00	1 00	
Newburgh	"	J M Warden.....	775 00	775 00	45 00	45 00	4 00	3 50
Rowlesburg	"	S E Jones.....	225 00	214 25	40 00	38 40	2 10	1 50
Evansville	"	C J Trippett.....	600 00	450 00	70 00	70 00	2 10	2 00
Pleas't Grove	"	D Cool.....	475 00	350 13	40 00	36 00		
Grafton Station	"	J A Kibbe.....	667 00	527 00	70 00	70 00		3 00
		B Ison.....	333 00	200 00				
Knottsville Circ't		W E Rippey.....	500 00	500 00	60 00	60 00	5 00	6 00
Fetterman	"	J Lee.....	350 00	350 00	30 00	30 00	4 00	2 00
Palatine	"	J B Feather.....	500 00	444 00	63 00	63 00	10 00	4 00
St. Georges	"	J G Weaver.....	575 00	525 00	50 00	50 00	2 00	2 00
Thornton	"	Eugene Ford.....	150 00	107 50	20 00	18 75		
			\$11,835 00	\$10,206 02	\$1,208 00	\$1,179 57	\$125 92	\$56 84
Wheeling District.		F Ball, P E.....						
Fourth Street...		J McK Reiley.....	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 218 00	\$ 218 00	\$ 160 00	\$30 00
North Street.....		G C Wilding.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	55 00	55 00	40 00	7 00
Thompson Ch...		C E Manchester...	900 00	900 00	68 00	68 00	50 00	5 00
Zane Street.....		J P Thatcher.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	109 00	109 00	25 00	10 00
Chapline Street.		W C Snodgrass.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	92 00	92 00	50 00	14 00
Wesley Chapel.		W M West.....	850 00	668 00	36 00	12 00		
Fulton Circuit.		G E Hite.....	400 00	400 00	30 00	30 00	5 00	1 00
Marshall	"	D H K Dix.....	650 00	514 81	72 00	67 75	11 00	6 00
		M F Compton.....	200 00	158 40				
Moundsville	"	H C Sanford.....	800 00	725 00	77 00	51 45	4 00	4 75
New Martinsv'le	"	W G Riheldaffer...	500 00	475 00	45 00	47 75	4 00	2 00
Greene	"	M A W Young, 6m	200 00	130 58	50 00	50 00	1 00	1 00
		G W Richmond, sup 6m	181 00	120 68				
Cameron	"	J S Clark.....	700 00	650 00	44 00	43 18	8 00	4 00
Grave Creek	"	W L Hindman.....	570 00	533 10	80 00	80 00	3 00	2 00
		Steph Cummings..	250 00	234 00				
Dallas	"	S King.....	600 00	600 00	75 00	75 00	4 00	2 00
Sh't C'k & Lib'ty	"	G C Schaeffer.....	700 00	700 00	53 50	53 50	10 00	2 03
Triapelfhia	"	L H Jordon.....	600 00	600 00	45 00	45 00	13 00	4 00
Benwood	"	Calvin Conner.....	480 00	160 00	36 00	13 00	1 30	87
			\$14,081 00	\$13,069 57	\$1,185 50	\$1,110 63	\$391 30	\$95 65
Buckhannon Dist't		T B Hughes, P E..						
" Station		E S Wilson.....	\$ 600 00	\$ 600 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00
" Circuit		L D Casto.....	560 00	560 00	100 00	100 00	4 00	2 00
Phillippi	"	F M Hughes.....	525 00	460 07	80 00	80 00	1 50	
Upshur	"	J Conwell.....	560 00	490 00	75 00	62 80		
Beverly	"	A Mick.....	550 00	382 08	75 00	75 00	2 00	4 00
Sutton	"	C W Upton, sup..	450 00	360 00	75 00	75 00	5 00	1 00
Webster	"	R A Arthur, sup..	150 00	150 00	60 00	60 00		
Frenchton	"	W E Lovett.....	650 00	643 30	100 00	100 00	7 55	
Canaan	"	C Warman.....	375 00	319 20	50 00	50 00		
Weston	"	S B D Prickett.....	600 00	485 50	95 00	81 00	3 00	
Glenville	"	J E Vasson.....	550 00	450 00	80 00	80 00	3 75	
Randolph Mission	"	J W Lambert, sup	90 00	90 00	50 00	50 00		
Freemansburg C't	"	R Weese.....	400 00	350 00	60 00	60 00	3 00	3 00
			\$6,110 00	\$5,340 15	\$1,000 00	\$993 80	\$34 80	\$11 00

Stewards' Report—Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Bishops.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Clarksburg District	J W W Bolton, P E						
" Station	S Lowther	\$ 700 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 3 70	\$10 00
West Milford Cir't	W W Kelly	550 00	514 02	100 00	70 18	20 00	15 70
	I C Pough	150 00	140 19				
Wilsonsburg "	J C Rexroad	430 00	430 00	60 00	60 00	2 00	10 00
	J H. Hess	210 00	210 00				
Cherry Camp "	C S Allemong	500 00	408 00	50 00	47 70	4 00	3 00
Smithton "	D Tasker	445 00	352 65	50 00	50 00	2 00	2 00
Lumberport "	R Northcraft	400 00	171 00	70 00	58 64	1 50	
Pruntytown "	W E Loomis	650 00	550 00	96 00	96 00	6 20	5 00
Bridgeport "	S Harris	225 00	200 00	40 00	40 00	1 00	3 00
Fairmont Station	Gideon Martin	600 00	550 00	60 00	51 16	4 50	3 00
Marion Circuit	W. F. Cannan	690 00	600 00	96 00	96 00	8 00	12 57
Mannington "	M. McNeel	635 00	605 00	96 00	96 00		10 25
Pine Grove "	N B Johnston	300 00	271 32	50 00	50 00	7 50	3 00
Blacksville "	C H Conway	250 00	220 00	46 00	46 00	2 00	50
Jollytown "	W D Carrico	390 00	390 00	75 00	75 00	15 00	8 97
	E D Buckner, 6m.	93 00	73 00				
Littleton "	G W Parriott	400 00	315 00	35 00	32 42		
		\$7,618 00	\$6,700 18	\$1,000 00	\$945 10	\$77 40	\$86 99
Parkersburg Dist't.	A Hall, P E						
" Station	A R Reiley	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 1,200 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 180 00	\$ 42 00	\$20 00
" Circuit	W H Shaw	425 00	370 40	75 00	52 07	4 00	5 00
Williamstown "	L D King	400 00	400 00	40 00	40 00	8 50	2 00
Mt. Pleasant "	J F Chenowith	500 00	478 60	70 00	43 15	3 05	1 00
Volcano "	S Hitchens	700 00	700 00	65 00	65 00	7 80	5 00
Murraysville "	H. H. Westwood	540 00	400 00	85 00	82 00	5 00	4 00
Ravenswood "	B Darlington	600 00	430 09	80 00	66 98	5 00	10 00
Harrisville "	R M Wallace	550 00	449 96	90 00	73 62	6 75	8 00
Elizabeth & Burn's Sp.	W T Lewis	575 00	491 00	90 00	90 00	3 30	8 00
Ellenboro Circuit	C H Lakin	600 00	600 00	80 00	80 00	10 00	3 00
West Union "	W H Young	580 00	348 90	70 00	66 27	3 75	3 00
Slstersville "	E C Woodruff	500 00	375 00	90 00	70 00	5 00	5 00
St. Mary "	T R Faulkner	400 00	285 00	30 00	30 00	4 75	2 00
Middlebourne "	H J Boatman	524 50	411 77	75 00	65 00	75	20
Centerville "	R S Welch	400 00	190 42	60 00	44 40	3 10	3 10
Petroleum "	T J Parks, sup	125 00	125 00	20 00	15 86		
		\$9,819 50	\$7,256 14	\$1,200 00	\$1,064 37	\$105 10	\$77 30
Charleston District	S E Steele, P E						
" Station	E W Ryan	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 43
" Circuit	F A Trippett	490 00	445 00	80 00	80 00	1 00	7 00
Nicholas "	F H J King	610 00	475 35	80 00	57 25	2 00	4 00
Mountain Cove "	J T Davis	380 00	350 00	80 00	80 00	3 70	4 00
Malden "	G Crossfield	650 00	337 75	50 00	50 00	1 00	4 00
Elk River "	J T Carroll	500 00	327 81	65 00	65 00	1 50	1 00
Mill Creek "	T P Ryan	490 00	340 00	80 00	80 00	1 00	3 00
Pt. Pleasant "	L L Stewart	600 00	450 00	80 00	38 21	10 00	7 00
Leon "	E D W King	500 00	330 00	75 00	75 00	3 35	3 00
Clifton Station	W C Wilson	800 00	605 00	60 00	43 47	2 00	4 85
Hartford City "	J M Powell, 10m.	800 00	300 00	80 00	58 98	3 55	4 75
	U Pribble, 2m sup						
Mason City "	M W Rider	450 00	385 00	60 00	51 42	2 50	4 25
Spencer Circuit	N C Beckley	565 00	437 88	80 00	80 00	12 00	6 00
Bell Creek "	H Scott	450 00	409 03	60 00	60 00	25	3 00
Smithville "	J W Griffiths	524 00	431 50	80 00	80 00	2 50	6 00
Arnoldsburg "	C R Shackelford	350 00	190 00	60 00	60 00		
East Charleston "	B Hagar	400 00	221 62	50 00	50 00	1 00	
Ripley "	Jos Ripley, sup.	100 00	30 05	40 00	19 30		
Mt. Pleasant Mis.	G W Metheny	75 00	21 25			25	
Clay Mission							
		\$9,684 00	\$7,206 22	\$1,260 00	\$1,128 63	\$52 85	\$66 75

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Bishops.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Guyandotte District	T H Trainer, P. E.						
" Station	J W Huggins.....	\$ 500 00	\$ 436 55	\$ 60 00	\$ 56 56	\$ 2 13	\$ 2 00
Huntington "	J W Webb.....	800 00	960 00	60 00	60 00	5 50	2 00
Barbours'le Cir't	J C Sidebottom.....	410 00	128 23	50 00	15 65	4 00	
Wayne "	A T Morriston.....	400 00	207 00	60 00	34 50	1 50	
Ceredo "	J S Freeland	210 00	100 00				
	J Engle, sup.....	290 00	75 00	40 00	24 37		
Winfield "	J W Bedford.....	300 00	265 00	50 00	33 13	5 00	
Hamlin "	V Sanford.....	500 00	164 27	50 00	35 35		
Coal River "	D Mahone, sup. ...	225 00	150 00	36 00	24 00		1 00
St. Albans & Milton	J T Moses, sup.....	200 00	75 00	30 00	18 05		
Boone "	G H Williams.....	275 00	194 40	50 00	25 80	50	50
Logan "	James Glendinning, sup	150 00	65 00	40 00	11 66		
Fayette "	N L Baumgardner	350 00	244 65	50 00	43 00	5 00	1 00
Mercer "	C Crawford.....	150 00	83 70	40 00	26 36		
McDowell & Wyoming	A Workman, sup.....	200 00	94 87	65 00	38 60		
Raleigh & Summers	W Wristen	200 00	152 17	75 00	57 21	1 00	
Monticello "	S Warden, sup.....	150 00	64 50	44 00	32 75		
Coalburgh "	W A Cheuvront.....	300 00	175 00	50 00	43 00	50	
Cassville "	A D Perry	175 00	105 00	50 00	22 33		
Missionary mon	ey appropriated to						
the District.				300 00	300 00		
		\$5,785 00	\$3,740 34	\$1,200 00	\$902 32	\$25 13	\$ 6 50

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Bishops.
	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Morgantown.....	\$11,835 00	\$10,206 02	\$1,208 00	\$1,179 57	\$ 125 92	\$ 56 84
Wheeling	14,081 00	13,069 77	1,185 50	1,110 63	391 30	95 65
Clarksburg.....	7,618 00	6,700 18	1,000 00	945 10	77 40	86 99
Buckhannon.....	6,110 00	5,367 15	1,000 00	973 80	34 80	11 00
Parkersburg.....	9,819 50	7,256 14	1,200 00	1,064 37	105 10	77 30
Guyandotte	5,785 00	3,740 34	1,200 00	902 32	25 13	6 50
Charleston.....	9,684 00	7,206 22	1,260 00	1,128 63	52 85	66 75
	\$64,932 50	\$53,545 82	\$8,053 50	\$7,204 42	\$ 812 50	\$ 401 03

Total Deficiency of Preachers.....\$11,386 68
 Total Deficiency of Presiding Elders, less amount of Missionary appropriations to
 Guyandotte District.....\$49 08

Respectfully submitted,

R. NORTHCRAFT, Chairman.

E. J. STONE, Secretary.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1877.

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab.Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Prob'ns	Full Mem- bers.	L.Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Miss'ry Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Morgantown District.....	42	237	1	2	1	.....	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 3,000	1	28	225	\$ 31 87	\$ 94 50	\$ 50 00	\$ 144 50	\$ 49 80	\$10 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Station.....	22	400	2	.....	1	8	4	3,800	.....	.....	7	83	354	3 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit.....	28	293	3	3	17	31	5	4,700	.....	.....	7	79	374	1 00	2 00	20	2 20	50	25	25	20	25	25	25	.....
Smithtown.....	50	750	4	2	2	100	8	7,000	1	700	7	70	400	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monongalia.....	50	560	2	4	12	20	6	7,000	1	1,000	8	62	400	8 00	7 53	7 47	15 00	.....	1 50	75	1 00	1 00	60	.....	.....
Brandonville.....	54	216	1	4	10	6	4	3,600	1	300	7	56	230	1 40	1 45	.....	1 45	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	8	383	4	5	22	6	7	5,300	.....	.....	9	55	450	1 00	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grantsville.....	54	192	.....	5	3	7	3	2,800	1	3,000	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingwood.....	30	253	2	6	20	15	4	3,500	.....	.....	9	35	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Masontown.....	10	300	2	4	12	1	4	4,400	1	2,000	3	40	260	10 00	32 50	5 00	37 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakland.....	42	186	.....	1	24	3	2	1,200	.....	.....	4	20	130	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deer Park.....	14	148	1	.....	8	5	1	3,000	.....	.....	2	20	140	4 20	16 60	3 40	20 00	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newburgh.....	3	81	.....	.....	5	1	.....	3,000	.....	.....	1	15	78	3 10	2 62	6 38	9 00	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rowlesburgh.....	50	367	1	4	28	22	5	6,800	1	250	5	45	300	2 10	16 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evansville.....	19	205	2	2	2	20	3	1,600	1	500	7	30	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton.....	92	350	1	5	4	21	5	5,500	.....	.....	6	69	350	5 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	30	40	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Knottsville.....	7	57	.....	.....	2	5	1	4,000	.....	.....	1	13	90	4 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fetterman.....	77	500	4	7	1	40	7	10,000	1	1,200	6	70	450	10 00	14 00	10 00	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palatine.....	28	281	1	4	14	6	4	3,000	1	800	6	48	120	2 00	9 00	.....	9 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. George.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thornton.....	678	5759	31	58	183	321	75	\$90,100	10	\$12,750	100	838	4851	\$ 96 67	\$ 251 20	\$ 82 45	\$ 333 65	\$ 49 50	\$14 79	\$ 3 30	\$ 2 85	\$ 8 85	\$ 2 55	.....	.....
Wheeling District.....	21	320	.....	1	11	2	1	\$60,000	1	\$4,000	2	58	445	\$160 00	\$189 56	\$560 44	\$ 750 00	.....	\$25 00	\$20 00	\$20 00	\$13 50	\$10 00	\$20 00	.....
Fourth Street.....	84	157	.....	.....	33	1	1	9,500	1	2,000	1	27	325	40 00	.....	63 00	63 00	\$1 00	10 00	4 50	3 50	6 00	5 00	2 50	.....
North Street.....	25	133	1	2	2	4	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	20	225	50 00	95 00	40 00	135 00	53 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thompson Ch.....	60	206	4	2	80	3	1	18,000	.....	.....	1	41	300	25 00	.....	51 70	51 70	27 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Zane Street.....	87	174	2	3	20	1	1	7,000	1	2,000	1	30	336	50 00	94 62	85 38	180 00	18 00	12 00	4 00	2 00	14 00	3 00	11 06	.....
Chapline Street.....	16	110	.....	1	27	7	1	7,000	.....	.....	1	12	160	2 00	.....	19 16	19 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wesley Church.....	100	60	.....	3	6	.....	2	4,000	.....	.....	1	7	65	5 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fulton.....	43	464	6	3	15	44	8	6,000	1	1,000	8	60	400	11 00	48 00	.....	48 00	34 50	10 00	.....	2 65	4 60	.....	.....	.....
Marshall.....	28	258	1	4	3	2	1	3,500	1	1,500	1	19	187	4 00	15 05	3 45	18 50	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville.....	60	169	.....	6	1	4	4	4,200	.....	.....	7	68	210	4 00	8 00	.....	8 00	1 00	40	50	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Martinsville.....	30	200	3	2	5	7	.....	2,500	1	250	6	.....	.....	1 00	4 88	.....	4 88	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greene.....	15	232	.....	3	.....	19	2	3,700	1	1,600	8	30	195	8 00	26 84	4 41	31 25	4 00	3 75	4 00	4 00	1 00	16 97	.....	.....
Caneran.....	53	375	4	2	1	16	8	11,000	.....	.....	8	92	505	3 00	7 50	1 50	9 00	.....	50 50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Grave Creek.....	30	371	1	3	16	17	3	23,000	1	1,200	3	45	202	4 00	40 00	.....	40 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dallas.....	60	122	.....	2	2	.....	2	13,000	1	700	1	13	100	10 00	35 00	5 00	40 00	2 26	65	1 50	1 03	.....	.....	.....	.....
Short Creek & Liberty	104	96	.....	.....	9	2	1	5,000	1	3,000	1	13	113	13 00	17 00	.....	17 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Triadelphia.....	34	125	2	4	28	7	1	4,500	.....	.....	1	15	100	.....	3 80	.....	3 80	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Benwood.....	850	3572	24	41	254	134	43	\$163,000	11	\$19,750	46	550	3866	\$890 00	\$610 25	\$834 04	\$1,144 29	\$133 50	\$80 21	\$35 80	\$39 15	\$47 23	\$20 00	\$60 53	.....

Benwood.....	850	3572	24	41	254	134	43	\$163,000	11	\$19,750	46	550	3866	\$390 06	\$610 25	\$834 04	\$1,144 29	\$133 50	\$80 21	\$35 80	\$39 15	\$47 23	\$20 00	\$60 53
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STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1877.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms.		Church Property.			Sabb.Schools.		Benevolent Collections.													
	Probationers.	Full Members.	L.Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Soc'y.	Sunday Sch Union.	Freedman's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Clarksburg District.....	26	152	4	2	.....	22	1	\$ 11,000	1	.....	1	15	85	\$ 3 70	\$ 5 50	.....	\$ 5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$26 00
" Station.....	67	398	4	8	1	26	2	8,000	1	600	5	48	208	20 00	59 25	75	60 00	.....	\$ 5 00	50	50	\$ 1 75	\$ 1 00	.....	.....
West Milford.....	73	232	1	1	2	27	7	5,000	.....	.....	6	47	240	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilsonburg.....	20	396	4	1	4	14	6	3,300	1	450	3	17	168	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem.....	20	304	.....	5	5	13	4	2,500	1	800	3	40	225	2 00	12 00	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithton.....	30	380	5	6	10	25	9	3,500	.....	.....	5	30	300	1 50	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lumberport.....	30	243	2	5	3	22	7	8,000	1	1,350	3	23	150	6 20	15 00	.....	15 00	2 00	1 25	1 50	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown.....	40	135	1	.....	4	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	4	11	100	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeport.....	6	108	2	.....	4	.....	1	6,000	1	1,500	1	16	100	4 50	26 24	18 26	44 50	19 00	1 80	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont.....	28	285	4	4	14	31	8	5,000	1	800	4	49	256	3 00	554 00	18 40	572 40	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 35	2 40	.....	.....
Marion.....	32	400	6	7	5	3	10	7,500	1	2,000	6	65	300	.....	18 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mannington.....	32	317	7	1	12	70	3	1,300	.....	.....	5	35	300	7 50	15 00	.....	15 00	2 12	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	40	205	2	1	4	29	4	2,750	.....	.....	4	28	175	2 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blacksville.....	60	385	2	6	2	30	7	6,000	1	400	8	45	400	15 00	7 40	2 60	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jollytown.....	47	132	5	1	1	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	40	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Littleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buckhannon District.....	551	4178	50	48	67	332	79	\$72,850	8	\$7,900	70	509	3232	\$77 40	\$729 39	\$40 01	\$769 40	\$22 00	\$14 17	\$5 75	\$6 00	\$8 60	\$4 40	\$26 00	.....
" Station.....	65	160	1	3	.....	3	3	2,500	1	\$ 700	3	25	150	\$ 5 00	\$ 15 00	.....	\$ 15 00	\$ 1 00	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit.....	85	375	4	4	15	40	7	7,000	.....	.....	7	60	350	4 00	.....	\$ 17 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	74	440	7	3	1	28	2	4,500	1	800	7	50	275	1 50	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upshur.....	54	450	5	2	.....	16	2	2,500	.....	.....	7	56	265	.....	7 50	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beverly.....	25	290	5	.....	26	.....	5	2,000	.....	.....	1	8	33	2 00	7 50	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton.....	84	230	4	8	28	10	5	2,900	.....	.....	5	38	160	5 00	18 00	.....	18 00	1 25	1 75	1 00	1 25	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Webster.....	.....	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	250	.....	.....	3	15	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frenchton.....	78	577	4	5	15	30	6	4,500	1	450	8	48	270	7 55	46 00	.....	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan.....	58	244	2	2	12	13	8	1,000	.....	.....	5	35	205	.....	12 76	.....	12 76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	19	145	1	.....	7	2	3	6,000	1	3,000	2	13	120	3 00	23 00	.....	23 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Glenville.....	13	382	4	7	.....	40	5	5,000	.....	.....	6	43	289	3 75	7 00	.....	7 00	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Randolph Mission.....	17	31	.....	1	1	11	1	150	.....	.....	6	50	108	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freemansburgh.....	27	320	6	1	3	6	6	4,200	.....	.....	5	30	125	.....	15 10	.....	15 10	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
599	3728	43	36		72	228	66	\$42,500	4	\$4,950	65	471	2402	\$ 31 80	\$166 36	\$17 00	\$183 36	\$1 00	\$6 65	\$2 75	\$2 00	\$3 25	\$2 80		

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bapti'sms		Church Property.			Sab.Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L.Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Parkersburg District.....	23	245	1	4	4	20	1	\$30,000	1	\$7,000	1	25	200	\$42 00	\$206 00	\$78 80	\$284 30	\$25 00	\$2 00	\$1 50	\$3 50				
" Station.....	23	343	3	5	6	23	7	5,000	1	250	7	61	287	4 00	7 50	5 00	12 50			50	1 45				
" Circuit.....	23	57			9	15	1	3,000			1	9	60	1 00	3 00	5 00	8 00		1 25						
Williamstown.....	56	305		5	3	50	5	4,000	1	700	5	30	231	3 05	2 02	3 28	10 30	52	70	28	40	1 05			
Mt. Pleasant.....	13	141		1	3	7	1	1,800	1	700	1	13	130	7 80	18 60	2 40	21 00		2 00	75	60	75	1 00		
Volcano.....	81	302	2	2			4	2,500			9	78	516	5 00	6 00	9 55	15 55		1 00	75	1 00	1 00			50
Bellville.....	86	406	4	4	9	10	2	2,600		700	7	56	350	5 00	25 00		25 00	1 00	1 00		1 00				
Ravenswood.....	38	403	2	4	6		6	4,000	1	1,200	5	60	315	6 75	30 65	6 35	37 00	2 00	1 25	1 00	3 50	2 25	1 00		
Harrisville.....	118	405	1	3	8	52	5	3,300			6	63	295	10 00	16 00	4 45	20 45		2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		
Ellenboro.....	8	112	3	3			1	1,750			2	19	90	3 75	17 00		17 00								
West Union.....	40	214	4	6	4	1	5	4,500	1	250	5	51	223	5 00	30 00		30 00								\$6 55
Sistersville.....	78	348	3	1	4	21	4	2,400	1	500	6	30	200		75	2 00		2 00		50					
Middlebourne.....	37	417	3	5	4	25	4	800	1	350	6	36	300	3 10	5 00		5 00		2 00		1 00				
Centreville.....	19	116		2		12	2	700			2	11	55	4 85	5 00		5 00		2 10	25	40	2 00	25		40
St. Mary's.....	46	34			1	1	1	1,800			3	24	105		3 40		3 40								
Petroleum.....	675	3848	26	45	61	242	49	\$68,150	9	\$11,650	66	556	3363	\$102 05	\$377 17	\$119 33	\$496 50	\$28 52	\$16 30	\$6 53	\$13 85	\$9 00	\$3 75	\$6 95	
Charleston District.....																									
" Station.....	27	177	1	1			3	\$15,000			1	12	100	\$5 00	\$17 85		\$17 85		\$3 00	\$75	\$75				
" Circuit.....	70	154	1	1		45	2	2,500			2	12	90	1 00	20 00		20 00		1 00	40	30	25	20		
Nicholas.....	38	427	3	4	2	3	5	4,000	1	\$300	9	56	225	2 00	10 25		10 25		1 00	25	75	1 00	50		\$80
Mountain Cove.....	28	217	7	4	7	8	1	600	1	600	3	20	115	3 70	8 00		8 00	50	50	50	50	50			
Malden.....	34	137	2	1		3	1	3,000	1	1,000	3	9	125	1 00	2 50		2 50		25	50	75	1 00			
Elk River.....	109	265	5	3	1		1	200			1	9	30	1 50	6 00		6 00	1 50							
Mill Creek.....	115	178	2	2	28	13					4	32	75	1 00	11 50		11 50		2 00						
Point Pleasant.....	22	182	1	2	4	10	3	5,500	1	1,500	4	25	200	3 35	25 00	5 00	30 00		3 00	1 30	25	50	50		
Leon.....	65	180	2		5	16	4	2,500			5	30	200		12 00		12 00		4 00	50	50	50	50		50
Clifton.....	10	127				3	1	5,000	1	1,200	1	17	175	2 00	5 22	3 01	13 23								
Hartford City.....	2	247	2		2	3		3,500			3	42	330	3 55	8 25		8 25		1 00	1 32	2 00	1 00			
Mason City.....	68	96	2		3	12	1	2,000			1	20	232	2 50	4 09	4 41	8 50		1 50	75					
Spencer.....	74	420	7	11	2	21	5	5,000	1	600	6	72	250	12 00	10 00	7 00	17 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Bell Creek.....	72	259	8	14	4	19	1	300			2	20	100		10 00		10 00		1 00						
Smithville.....	65	264	2	2		12	8	3,050			8	72	275	2 75	20 00		20 00		4 00						
Arnoldsburgh.....	22	164		2		5					2	10	30		5 00		5 00								
Jarrett's Ford.....	60	250	2	1	5	13					3	23	90	1 00	3 00	1 00	4 00								
Ripley.....	16	51	3	1											64		64								
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	18	34	2	1																					
	915	3829	52	50	61	188	37	\$38,650	61	\$7,800	58	481	2642	\$42 35	\$177 30	\$25 42	\$202 72	\$3 00	\$28 25	\$7 27	\$6 80	\$6 00	\$3 70	\$1 80	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools		Benevolent Collections.														
	Prob'ners	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value,	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sc'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Socie- ty.	Education.	American Bible Society.		
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.									
Guyandotte District.....	17	101	1	2	2	2	1	\$4,000			1	20	132	\$2 13	\$13 50		\$13 50									
Huntington.....	1	64	.....	.....	3	1	1	3,000	.....	.....	1	25	225	5 50	6 00	\$19 00	25 00	.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 30	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 40	.....	.....	
Barboursville.....	57	138	.....	.....	3	15	2	3,000	.....	.....	4	19	150	4 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wayne.....	35	258	4	4	1	31	2	2,000	.....	.....	4	20	150	1 50	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ceredo.....	13	75	1	3	.....	6	1	1,500	.....	.....	2	15	95	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Monticello.....	128	161	1	1	6	24	2	600	.....	.....	4	20	125	.....	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Winfield.....	170	260	4	2	7	26	4	1,200	.....	.....	9	33	307	5 00	10 00	2 00	12 00	.....	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	45	.....	.....	
Hamlin.....	54	102	6	1	3	5	2	800	.....	.....	3	28	145	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coal River.....	93	95	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	41	180	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
St. Albans & Milton.....	57	64	1	.....	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	1	6	45	.....	3 20	.....	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Boone.....	29	204	3	2	38	14	.....	.....	1 \$ 200	.....	4	25	75	50	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Logan.....	43	131	2	3	15	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fayette.....	43	145	5	5	8	5	2	600	.....	.....	3	15	110	5 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	
Mercer.....	42	191	4	1	9	12	1	100	.....	.....	2	11	63	.....	5 10	.....	5 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Raleigh & Summers.....	113	348	7	5	4	26	.....	.....	1 300	.....	2	11	63	1 00	7 41	.....	7 41	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coalburgh.....	69	96	.....	2	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	35	95	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Wyom'g & McDowell.....	49	235	4	8	12	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Cassville.....	12	154	2	1	1	15	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	1025	2822	47	41	118	214	20	\$17,500	2	\$500	52	338	1994	\$25 13	\$76 71	\$21 00	\$97 71	.....	\$9 50	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$2 85	.....	.....	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				Baptms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools.		Benevolent Collections.											
	Probati'n's	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's For. Miss. Society.	For Board of Church Extension	For Tract Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Freed- man's Aid Society.	For Education
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.						
Wheeling District	850	3572	24	41	254	134	43	\$163,000	11	\$19,750	46	550	3,866	\$390 00	\$ 610 25	\$ 834 04	\$1,444 29	\$133 50	\$ 80 21	\$35 80	\$39 15	\$47 23	\$20 00
Morgantown Dist.....	678	5759	51	58	183	321	75	90,100	10	12,750	100	838	4,851	96 67	251 20	82 45	333 65	49 50	14 79	3 30	6 43	12 47	2 55
Clarksburg Dist.....	551	4178	50	48	67	332	79	72,850	8	7,900	70	509	3,232	77 40	729 34	40 01	769 40	21 00	14 17	5 75	6 00	8 60	4 40
Buckhannon Dist.....	599	3728	43	36	72	228	66	42,500	4	4,950	65	471	2,402	31 80	166 36	17 00	183 36	1 00	6 65	2 75	2 00	3 25	2 80
Parkersburg Dist.....	675	3848	26	45	61	242	49	68,150	9	11,650	72	556	3,363	102 05	377 17	119 33	496 50	28 25	16 30	6 53	13 85	9 00	3 75
Charleston District	951	3829	52	50	61	188	37	38,650	6	7,800	68	481	2,642	42 35	177 30	25 42	202 72	3 00	28 25	7 27	6 80	6 00	3 70
Guyandotte Dist....	1025	2822	47	41	118	214	20	17,500	2	500	62	338	1,994	25 13	76 71	21 00	97 71	.....	9 50	3 30	3 00	3 00	2 45
Total.....	5329	27736	273	319	816	1659	369	\$492,750	50	\$65,300	473	3743	22350	\$765 40	\$2,388 88	\$1,139 25	\$3,527 63	\$236 52	\$169 87	\$64 70	\$77 23	\$89 55	\$39 45

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THURSDAY MORNING.

CHARLESTON, October 4, 1877.

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Thirty-first session in the M. E. Church, in Charleston, October 4, 1877, Bishop LEVI SCOTT, D. D., presiding.

The opening religious services were conducted by the Bishop, who read as the Scripture lesson the 20th chapter of Acts, from the 17th verse, and gave out the 117th hymn.

Bro.'s G. Martin and S. Steele led in prayer, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The Bishop consecrated the elements and the Presiding Elders distributed them. The Benediction was pronounced by W. Prettyman.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and 74 preachers answered the call.

On motion, J. L. Clark was unanimously elected Secretary, with the privilege of nominating his assistants, and G. C. Wilding as Assistant, and S. B. D. Prickitt and C. E. Manchester as Statistical Secretaries, were nominated and elected.

Dr. A. C. George, and Rev. Bro. Armstrong, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, of this place, were introduced to the Conference.

The hours of 9 and 12 o'clock were fixed as the time of meeting and adjourning, but the time to be extended to read the minutes.

The following committees were appointed :

On Public Worship.—S. E. STEELE, E. W. RYAN.

Board of Stewards—Ministerial.—S. E. JONES, W. C. SNODGRASS, G. MARTIN, H. C. SANFORD, J. A. FULLERTON, A. T. MORRISTON, N. L. BAUMGARDNER.

Board of Stewards—Lay.—S. L. ALLEN, SAM'L THOMPSON, H. C. McWHORTER, K. DELABAR.

On Necessitous Cases.—THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

On Missions.—THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Education.—J. R. THOMPSON, A. C. GEORGE, C. S. ALLEMONG, C. WARMAN, C. E. MANCHESTER, L. L. STEWART, J. W. WEBB.

On Sunday Schools.—W. PRETTYMAN, G. E. HITE, W. W. KELLEY, E. S. WILSON, H. H. WESTWOOD, N. C. BECKLEY, J. W. BEDFORD.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts.—W. R. WHITE, D. H. K. DIX, M. MCNEEL, W. E. LOVETT, R. M. WALLACE, G. CROSSFIELD, C. CRAWFORD.

On Tract Cause.—S. LOWTHER, W. E. RIPPEY, J. J. DOLLIVER, C. W. UPTON, T. R. FAULKNER, M. W. RIDER, W. A. CHEUVRONT.

On Bible Cause.—B. ISON, J. P. THATCHER, W. D. CARRICO, R. WEESE, W. A. CHEUVRONT, J. T. DAVIS, G. H. WILLIAMS.

On Temperance.—J. W. HESS, A. R. REILEY, C. H. CONWAY, J. F. SNODGRASS, W. H. YOUNG, J. W. GRIFFITTS, A. D. PERRY.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts.—J. LEE, S. HITCHENS, W. E. LOOMIS, E. S. WILSON, W. T. LEWIS, F. H. J. KING, W. WRISTEN.

On Observance of the Sabbath.—L. H. JORDAN, W. M. WEST, J. C. REXROAD, C. POLING, W. H. SHAW, T. P. RYAN, G. H. WILLIAMS.

On Church Extension.—THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Publishing the Minutes.—THE SECRETARIES.

On Funds for Publishing the Minutes.—C. J. TRIPPETT, W. G. RIHELDAFFER, J. H. HESS, C. W. UPTON, L. D. KING, E. D. W. KING, J. ENGLE.

On Freedman's Aid Society.—W. PRETTYMAN, D. H. K. DIX, G. MARTIN, J. F. SNODGRASS, C. H. LAKIN, G. CROSSFIELD, J. W. WEBB.

On Post Offices.—J. G. WEAVER, A. C. LAW, N. B. JOHNSON, D. M. HEASTON, B. HAGAR, C. S. HARRISON, H. J. BOATMAN.

On Statistics.—The Secretaries.

On Journals of District Conferences.—Secretaries.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, and on motion, a draft was ordered.

The report of the Book Committee was presented by the Bishop, the first page was read, and the report was referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

The Bishop presented some accounts which were referred to the same committee.

A communication from Garrett Biblical Institute was read and referred to the committee on Education.

A communication from the Book Concern was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Leave of absence was obtained for B. Darlington and F. A. Trippett.

On motion the committee appointed by the last Conference on Conference relations was re-affirmed.

The 10th question of the General Minutes—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"—was taken up, and Morgantown District was called.

The character of S. Steele was passed, and he represented his District, after which the character of the following efficient Elders was passed: J. R. Thompson, S. Lowther, F. G. W. Ford, J. E. Wasson, D. Cool, G. Rogers, J. Lee, W. Prettyman, G. C. Schaffer, B. Ison, S. King, C. J. Trippett, J. W. Hess, L. H. Jordan, W. J. Sharpes, J. B. Feather, J. G. Weaver, T. W. Chidester.

Wheeling District was called and the character of W. C. Wilson was passed and he represented his District. The character of the following effective Elders was passed, viz: A. C. George, G. C. Wilding, A. R. Reiley, S. B. D. Prickitt, W. C. Snodgrass, W. E. Rippey, G. E. Hite, W. M. West, C. Conner, J. M. Warden, J. L. Clark, W. F. Cannan, S. Hitchens, J. P. Thatcher, D. H. K. Dix, F. W. Wood, W. H. Morton.

The Clarksburg District was called and the character of J. W. W. Bolton was passed and he represented his District. The character of the following effective Elders was passed, viz : W. E. Loomis, W. W. Kelley, R. S. Welsh, J. C. Rexroad, C. S. Allemong, C. H. Conway, G. Martin, J. J. Dolliver, M. McNeel, W. D. Carrico, J. G. Blair.

The time was extended.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

WHEREAS, the growing intelligence of our people demands an increasingly educated Ministry; and WHEREAS, the Discipline of our Church imperatively requires candidates for admission on trial and for orders, to satisfy the Conference of their acquaintance with the branches of study prescribed by the Bishops, therefore,

Resolved, That the committees of examination report the standing of candidates in each of the required branches according to a scale of 1, 2, 3, (and fractions if necessary); 1 being very good, 2 medium and three barely passable.

Resolved 2d, That no candidate be passed who falls below 3 on any branches of study, nor shall any be passed who do not maintain an average standing of two.

Resolved 3d, That candidates who are deficient in books of reading only may be conditioned, which fact shall be noticed by the Secretary, but the deficiency must be brought up before the candidate is passed the following year.

Resolved 4th, That the examinations be held on the day previous to the opening of annual session, and continued for a sufficient time to make them thorough and searching.

J. A. FULLERTON,
J. P. THATCHER,
W. E. LOOMIS,
W. R. WHITE,
W. C. SNODGRASS.

The minutes were read and approved. The Conference being adjourned by expiration of time, the doxology was sung, after which W. R. White pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 5, 1877.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by W. Prettyman.

The Roll of absentees of yesterday was called, and 25 answered to their names.

The Rev. Mr. Barr, of the Presbyterian Church ; Bro. Pye, of the Cincinnati Book Concern ; Rev. Hall, of the Presbyterian Mission, in South America ; Rev. Draper, of the Washington Conference ; Bro. Follansbee, of M. E. Church South, and Rabbi Strauss, of the Jewish Synagogue, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Secretary, as custodian of the Centenary fund, was read, and the interest of the fund directed to be paid over to the Board of Stewards.

Several communications from superannuated preachers, were referred to the Board of Stewards.

A communication from Bro. Mullenix, in relation to a Conference fund in his charge was read, and A. Hall was continued as the committee to receive it.

On motion, Bro. Lyda was directed to pay over the interest on the Pumphrey fund to the Conference.

On motion, a committee of one from each District was appointed to devise plans for raising a fund for Conference claimants, as follows : B. Ison, D. H. K. Dix, G. Martin, E. S. Wilson, J. A. Fullerton, E. W. Ryan, B. Darlington, S. L. Allen, S. Thompson, and H. C. McWhorter.

J. W. Reger was placed on the committee on Education in the place of C. Warman.

The committee on Conference relations was permitted to retire to attend to their work.

A circular from the Sunday School and Tract department was read and referred to the appropriate committee.

T. R. Faulkner was substituted for H. J. Boatman on committee on Post Offices.

The 10th question of the General Minutes was resumed.

The Buckhannon District was called, and the character of T. B. Hughes, the Presiding Elder, was passed ; he represented his District, after which the character of the following effective Elders was passed : E. S. Wilson, F. M. Hughes, J. Conwell, A. Mick, W. E. Lovett, R. Weese, H. C. Sanford, J. F. Snodgrass, C. Warman.

The character of L. D. Casto was arrested, and a committee of 15 was appointed by the chair to try the case, as follows: A. C. George, Chairman; L. H. Jordan, J. P. Thatcher, M. McNeel, R. M. Wallace, F. H. J. King, N. L. Baumgardner, B. Ison, S. Hitchens, S. Lowther, C. H. Lakin, M. W. Rider, S. King, A. R. Reiley, W. E. Loomis, N. C. Beckley. Counsel for Church, J. W. Reger, S. B. D. Prickitt; counsel for the accused, J. W. Webb, W. R. White.

The Parkersburg District was called, and the character of the Presiding Elder, A. Hall, was passed, and he was presented with a fine silver watch by the preachers of his District as a token of their regard for him; he then represented his District, after which the character of the following effective Elders was passed: C. E. Manchester, J. F. Chenoweth, J. A. Fullerton, H. H. Westwood, W. H. Shaw, R. M. Wallace, C. H. Lakin, W. H. Young, E. C. Woodruff, T. R. Faulkner, H. J. Boatman and T. Cotton.

The Charleston District was called, and the character of S. E. Steele, the Presiding Elder, was passed. He represented his District, after which the character of the following effective Elders was passed: E. W. Ryan, A. T. Morriston, B. Hager, G. Crossfield, F. H. J. King, M. W. Rider, L. L. Stewart, F. A. Trippett, J. T. Carroll, N. C. Beckley, J. W. Griffiths, and J. T. Davis.

The Guyandotte District was called, and the character of T. H. Trainer, the Presiding Elder, was passed, and he represented his District; after which the character of the following effective Elders was passed: J. W. Huggins, transferred to the Iowa Conference; J. W. Webb, B. Darlington and N. L. Baumgardner.

The Secretary nominated, and the Conference elected, W. T. Lewis as Secretary on railroad passes.

On motion, Jacob Teeter was appointed as a committee on the Ward donation.

The 7th question of the General Minutes—"Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?"—was taken up, and N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, W. A. Chevront, W. Wristen and W. T. Lewis, were examined, passed and

elected to Elder's Orders. J. C. Sidebottom was examined and passed, being in Elder's Orders.

G. W. Parriott, not being present, was continued as a deacon of the second class. A. D. Perry was continued as a deacon of the second class.

On motion, R. M. Wallace was appointed Conference Treasurer.

The 8th question of the General Minutes—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was taken up, and J. B. Pinchen and J. N. Eckess were superannuated.

On motion, E. Ford's case and several others, were referred back to the committee on Conference relations.

S. R. Dawson was continued in the supernumerary relation.

W. H. Wiley was continued as a supernumerary.

The Secretary was directed to write to Bro. Eckess and such others as it may be necessary, to inform them of such changes as may be made and the reasons therefor.

On motion, C. Crawford was placed on the Board of Stewards in place of N. L. Baumgardner.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by J. J. Dolliver.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1877.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Scott presiding.

The devotional services were conducted by Dr. A. J. Lyda.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Judiciary Committee reported in the case of Rev. L. D. Casto, that the charge against him had been sustained, and declaring him expelled from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church. Bro. Casto appealed from the decision of the committee, and the appeal was granted.

The following resolution on the Tobacco question, was adopted:

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we adopt the resolutions passed by the late General Conference, on the use of Tobacco, and that, as far as practicable, we will carry out the same.

[General Conference Resolutions.]

Resolved 1, That we desire all our ministers and members to abstain from the use of tobacco as injurious to both soul and body.

Resolved 2, That we recommend to the Annual Conferences to require candidates for admission to be free from the habit, as hurtful to their acceptability and usefulness among our people.

R. M. WALLACE.

The committee on the Pumphrey Bequest fund offered a report which was, on motion, received.

The report of the Trustee of the "Jones fund" was read, and on motion, received.

The 23rd question of the General Minutes, was then taken up—"Where and when shall the next Conference be held?"

Morgantown and Parkersburg were placed in nomination for the honor of entertaining the brethren of the Conference. After both places were eloquently and ably represented, by their respective advocates, a vote was taken, and although closely contested, Parkersburg was victorious.

The 8th question of the General Minutes—"Who are the *Supernumerary preachers*?"—was called, and J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, J. T. Eichelberger, R. L. Woodyard, A. J. Lyda and E. Ford, were continued in their present relation after the passage of their characters.

E. L. Nicholson, at his own request, was granted a location.

R. Brooks, J. W. Reger and V. Sanford were granted a superannuated relation. W. R. White was made effective.

Dr. Clark, of Allegheny College, Rev. Hall, pastor of the Kanawha Presbyterian Church in Charleston, and Rev. Chambers, Presiding Elder of Charleston District, M. E. Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

Papers from Allegheny College were presented by Dr. Clark, and on motion, referred to the committee on Education.

The Bishop called forward to the altar the class to be admitted into full connection, asked the customary disciplinary questions, and delivered a very touching and effective address.

At this juncture a pleasant incident occurred a little out of the common order. The preachers and laymen of the Morgantown District, through their spokesman, Dr. W. Pretty-

man, in open Conference, presented to their Presiding Elder, Rev. Samuel Steele, a beautiful silver tea-set.

This was followed by highly complimentary speeches from preachers of the Clarksburg District, regarding their Presiding Elder, Rev. J. W. W. Bolton.

On motion, W. R. White was elected President, and W. T. Lewis, Secretary, of the Conference Missionary Society.

The 4th question of the General Minutes—"Who are admitted into full connection?"—was taken up, and S. Cummings and H. Scott, were examined, passed, and admitted into full connection, being Deacons, and C. S. Harrison and C. R. Shackelford, were examined, passed, admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders.

I. C. Paugh was continued on trial.

On motion, the time was extended.

The 19th question of the General Minutes—"Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?"—was then called up, and recommendations from Guyandotte District Conference were read, certifying that W. A. Carroll and James G. Thornton came as Local Preachers, entitled to Deacon's Orders, and they were, on motion, elected to the same.

The usual notices of committee meetings, services, &c., were given.

On motion, adjourned.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Chambers, of the M. E. Church, South.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, October 8, 1877.

Conference met at 9 o'clock. The Bishop in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by J. J. Dolliver.

The Bishop presented the following certificate of the ordinations on yesterday:

Yesterday, the 7th inst., the following persons were by me ordained to the office of Deacons:

C. R. Shackelford, C. S. Harrison, Wm. A. Carroll and James B. Thornton; and assisted by Elders, the following to the office of Elders:

Napoleon B. Johnston, W. G. Riheldaffer, Samuel E. Jones, T. P. Ryan,
G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, W. A. Chevront, W. Wristen, W.
T. Lewis and S. C. Loomis. L. SCOTT.

On motion the Bishop and Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to nominate Triers of Appeal.

The 9th question of the General Minutes—"Who are the *Superannuated Preachers?*"—was taken up, and A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheney, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers and J. C. Sidebottom, were continued in that relation.

J. B. Beatty was located, at his own request.

J. S. Laughlin was made effective.

On motion, W. R. White was substituted for J. W. Reger on the committee on Education, and the committee had leave to retire.

The Board of Stewards made their reports No. 1 and 2, which were read and adopted.

The Stewards' report No. 2, was re-read and recommitted.

The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted.

The Conference Treasurer made his report, which was read and adopted.

W. C. Snodgrass was appointed to arrange with the Hudson for passage up the Ohio.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Whereas, On this, our fourth coming, to this beautiful city—Charleston—the citizens of all denominations, and those who are not members of any church, have met us with genuine West Virginia hospitality; and,

Whereas, The ministers and official members of the several Protestant churches, have kindly thrown open their doors and offered their pulpits; And,

Whereas, Our associations with the people here have been of the most pleasant and cordial Christian character; Therefore,

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby respectfully tendered to the citizens of Charleston for their Christian hospitality and attention to us as a Conference, and as individuals. And our thanks are hereby given to the pastors and trustees of the churches tendered us for our use during this session.

Whereas, The Chesapeake & Ohio, the M. & C., and the B. & O. railroads, have given us reduced fares; Therefore,

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the several companies.

Whereas, In the preparation of the plan of Episcopal work, our dearly loved, and highly esteemed Bishop, L. Scott, was assigned to our Conference, and under a kind Providence, he has again presided over our sessions, which have been marked by great harmony and business dispatch; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of Bishop Scott; his mature counsels, his lively interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of our beloved church, and courteous regard for the members of this body; and we will ever cherish the kindest remembrance of our beloved friend and Bishop, and will continue to pray the All Father, to continue his health, and that the peace of God which passeth understanding may keep his heart in the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord; and further, we earnestly express the desire that his life may be spared and that it may be again our privilege to welcome him as our presiding officer.

Whereas, The office of Secretary is one of grave responsibility and burdensome labor; and

Whereas, Our present efficient and genial Secretary, Brother Clark, has for years filled this position in our Conference to our satisfaction; and

Whereas, His assistants are the right men in the right places; Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Brothers J. L. Clark, G. C. Wilding, C. E. Manchester and S. B. D. Prickitt, our warmest thanks for their courteous faithfulness; and last though not least, we tender Brother E. W. Ryan, the successful and cheery pastor of this charge, our warmest and most sincere thanks, for his entirely delightful provision of our homes for us during our stay in this city; and to his associates in the the publication of the *Conference Daily*, for the sprightly sheet they have presented us.

G. MARTIN,
J. R. THOMPSON,
A. R. REILEY.

The report of the committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted.

Dr. Horner addressed the Conference in relation to his business.

The Conference, by resolution, requested the committee on Public Worship to arrange for Bro. Thompson's lecture for Monday night instead of Tuesday night.

On motion, the time was extended.

A resolution reducing the Districts to 5 was offered, but afterwards withdrawn and placed in the hands of the Secretary to be brought up next year.

The minutes were read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned.

Notices were given. After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Clark, of the East Ohio Conference.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, October 9, 1877.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair.

The religious services were conducted by D. H. K. Dix.

The report of the committee on Missions was read and adopted.

The Stewards' report was received without being re-read.

The report of the committee on Bibles was read, and, on motion, was adopted.

The Secretary's financial report was read and, on motion, received.

Report of the committee on Freedman's Aid Society was read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

The apportionments of the Missionary, Episcopal and Church Extension collections were read and adopted.

Report of the Conference Board of Church Extension was read and adopted.

Complimentary resolution to Dr. G. W. Clark was read and adopted by a rising vote.

The report of the committee on the Sabbath was read and adopted.

The committee on Post Offices made their report, which was received and placed on file.

Rev. W. R. Long, Bible Agent for West Virginia, addressed the Conference.

The committee on Tract Cause reported. On motion, the report was adopted.

The committee to Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts made their report. Adopted.

The committee on Temperance read their report, which was, on motion, adopted.

The committees of Examination, &c., for next year, were announced by the Bishop.

Rev. T. R. Faulkner was appointed to preach the Annual Conference sermon next year.

The Third question of the General Minutes—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up, and C. D. Price, A. C. Law, J. E. Mercer, J. P. Varner, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, R. R. Little, C. W. Upton, C. Poling, D. M. Heaston, and J. W. Lambert, were continued in their present relations.

M. F. Compton was discontinued at his own request, to attend college.

The Sixth question—"Who are the Deacons of the 2nd class?"—was taken up, and J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford and C. Warman were continued.

J. H. Hess was not examined.

On motion, Bro. R. Northcraft's present relation was continued.

The Second question—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up, and L. D. Heatherly, recommended by Ripley circuit, A. L. Curtis, recommended by the Nicholas circuit, Wm. B. Trevey, recommended by Buffalo circuit, U. Pribble, recommended by Hartford City circuit, G. R. Copeland, from Mill Creek circuit, and C. F. Johnson, from Guyandotte station were admitted.

The First question—"Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?"—was taken up, and S. C. Loomis, from Ohio Conference, was received on certificate of location.

Bro. W. T. Lewis was located at his own request, and complimentary resolutions adopted.

The committee on Statistics reported, and their report was adopted.

The committee on Raising Permanent Fund for Conference claimants reported. On motion the report was ordered to be published in the minutes and laid over for action next year.

The committee on Periodicals read their report, which was adopted.

S. Hitchens was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

A motion to reconsider the action fixing the place for holding the next Conference was, on motion, laid on the table.

The collection for the Secretary's expenses and Sexton was taken.

A motion to loan M. F. Compton, from the Educational fund, a sum not to exceed \$100.00, was carried.

The Conference was addressed by Dr. J. Horner in the interest of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*. A resolution in regard to the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* was adopted.

A resolution of thanks to Dr. A. C. George and President Thompson, for their lectures before the Conference, was offered and adopted.

The committee on Conference relations was re-appointed.

The same corps of editors was re-appointed for next year's CONFERENCE DAILY.

The Bishop announced the closing hymn,

"And let our bodies part," &c.

Dr. G. W. Clark led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop arose and after a brief and touching address, read the appointment of the preachers. Adjourned.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1.—Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?

Answer.—S. C. Loomis, re-admitted.

Question 2.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—W. B. Trevey, G. R. Copeland, R. D. Heatherly, A. L. Curtis, U. Pribble, C. F. Johnson.

Question 3.—Who remain on trial?

Answer.—I. C. Paugh, C. D. Price, D. S. Hammond, A. C. Law, J. E. Mercer, J. P. Varner, C. S. Harrison, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, R. R. Little, C. W. Upton, C. Poling, D. M. Heasotn, J. W. Lambert.

Question 4.—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer.—S. Cummings, H. Scott, C. R. Shackelford, C. S. Harrison.

Question 5.—Who are Deacons of the first class?

Answer.—S. Cummings, H. Scott, C. R. Shackelford, C. S. Harrison.

Question 6.—Who are Deacons of the second class?

Answer.—G. W. Parriott, A. D. Perry.

Question 7.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Answer.—N. B. Johnson, W. G. Riheldaffer, S. E. Jones, T. P. Ryan, G. H. Williams, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, W. A. Cheuvront, Wm. Wristen, W. T. Lewis.

Question 8.—Who are the Supernumerary preachers?

Answer.—S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, J. T. Eichelberger, R. L. Woodyard, A. J. Lyda, E. Ford, S. Hutchens, T. W. Chidester.

Question 9.—Who are the superannuated preachers?

Answer.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, J. C. Sidebottom, J. B. Pinchen, J. N. Eckess, R. Brooks, J. W. Reger, V. Sanford, R. Northcraft.

Question 10.—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Answer.—This was done by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 11.—Have any located?

Answer.—E. G. Nicholson, J. B. Beatty, W. T. Lewis.

Question 12.—Have any withdrawn?

Answer.—None.

Question 13.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

Answer.—J. W. Huggins, to Iowa Conference.

Question 14.—Have any been expelled?

Answer.—L. D. Casto.

Question 15.—Have any died?

Answer.—None.

Question 16.—What is the Statistical Report?

Answer.—See Statistics.

Question 17.—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

Answer.—Not answered.

Question 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

Answer.—Received

From the Stations and Circuits.....	\$673 43
“ Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Interest on the Pumphrey Fund.....	63 88
“ “ “ money in hand of S. B. D. Prickitt.....	30 50
“ “ “ “ “ J. L. Clark.....	6 60
“ “ “ “ “ S. Steele.....	6 50
Total.....	\$810 91

Applied as follows:

Rev. R. L. Brooks.....	\$55 00—Paid to.....	T. B. Hughes.
“ F. Guthrie.....	55 91— “	S. E. Steele
“ A. Dixon.....	55 00— “	do.
“ J. S. Laughlin.....	35 00— “	S. Steele.
“ D. S. Benedum.....	25 00— “	R. S. Welch.
“ S. D. Jones.....	10 00— “	S. E. Steele.
Widow Hartley.....	40 00— “	W. G. Riheldaffer.
“ Smith.....	20 00— “	G. C. Wilding.
“ Monroe.....	15 00— “	S. E. Steele.
“ Richmond.....	20 00— “	S. Hitchens.
“ Blundon.....	40 00— “	Bro. McWhorter.
“ Burns.....	10 00— “	G. Martin.
“ Irwin.....	40 00— “	do.
“ Hindman.....	25 00— “	J. B. Feather.
Rev. G. W. Matheny.....	35 00— “	Self.
“ J. Engle.....	45 00— “	Self.
“ J. T. Carroll.....	20 00— “	Self.
“ G. Rogers.....	20 00— “	Self.
“ R. Northcraft.....	30 00— “	Self.
“ B. Darlington.....	20 00— “	Self.
“ C. S. Harrison.....	10 00— “	Self.
“ A. D. Perry.....	20 00— “	A. T. Morrison.
“ R. R. Little.....	20 00— “	Self.
“ N. L. Baumgardner.....	25 00— “	Self.
“ W. A. Cheuvront.....	10 00— “	Self.
“ G. Crossfield.....	30 00— “	Self.
“ C. R. Shackelford.....	20 00— “	Self.
“ F. H. J. King.....	15 00— “	Self.
“ N. C. Beckley.....	15 00— “	Self.
“ B. D. Mahone.....	15 00— “	Self.
“ T. R. Faulkner.....	15 00— “	Self.
Total.....	\$810 91	

Question 19.—Have any Local Preachers been ordained?

Answer.—Deacons: W. A. Carroll, James G. Thornton; Elder: S. C. Loomis.

Question 20.—Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

Answer.—Allegheny College; in a flourishing condition.

Question 21.—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

Answer.—See report of Committee.

Question 22.—Where are the preachers stationed?

APPOINTMENTS.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Years in Charge	State in Ministry.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Morgantown District.	J W W Bolton, P E.	1	Elder ...	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	W. Va.
“ Station.	S Steele.	1	“	“	“	“
“ Circuit.	S Lowther.	2	“	“	“	“
Smithtown.....	N B Johnson.....	1	“	Smithtown.....	“	“
Monongalia.....	J E Wasson.....	2	“	Granville.....	“	“
“	One to be supplied..	“	“	“	“	“
Brandonville.....	D Cool.....	2	Elder ...	Brandonville.....	Preston	“
Pleasant Hill.....	F G W Ford.....	1	“	Portland.....	“	“
Grantsville.....	C S Harrison.....	1	Deacon.	Grantsville.....	Garrett	Md.
Kingwood.....	W Prettyman.....	3	Elder ...	Kingwood.....	Preston	W. Va.
Masontown.....	J G Weaver.....	1	“	“	“	“
Oakland.....	B Ison.....	2	“	Oakland.....	Garrett	Md.
Deer Park.....	J S Laughlin.....	1	“	Deer Park.....	“	“
Newburg.....	S King.....	2	“	Newburg.....	Preston	W. Va.
Evansville.....	W M West.....	1	“	Evansville.....	“	“
Pleasant Grove.....	J W Hess.....	2	“	“	“	“
Grafton.....	L H Jordan.....	2	“	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	“
Knottsville.....	W J Sharpes.....	2	“	Knottsville.....	“	“
Fetterman.....	A C Law.....	1	On trial	Fetterman.....	“	“
Palatine.....	J B Feather.....	3	Elder ...	Palatine.....	Marion.....	“
St. George.....	C Conner.....	1	“	St. George.....	Tucker.....	“
Thornton.....	To be supplied.....	“	“	Thornton.....	Taylor.....	“
Selbysp't & Johnst'n	N L Baumgardner.....	1	Elder ...	“	“	“
Rowiesburg.....	C J Price.....	1	On trial	Rowiesburg.....	Preston	W. Va.
J. R. Thompson*.....	“	“	“	“	“	“
Wheeling District.....	W C Wilson, P E.....	2	Elder ...	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	W. Va.
“ Fourth Street	A C George.....	2	“	“	“	“
“ North Street.	G C Wilding.....	3	“	“	“	“
“ Thomson Ch.	A R Reiley.....	2	“	“	“	“
“ Zane Street..	S B D Prickitt.....	2	“	“	“	“
“ Chapline St..	W C Snodgrass.....	3	“	“	“	“
“ Wesley Ch....	W E Rippey.....	2	“	“	“	“
Fulton.....	G E Hite.....	3	“	“	“	“
Marshall.....	H C Sanford.....	1	“	Sherrard.....	Marshall....	“
“	W B Trevey.....	1	On trial	“	“	“
Benwood.....	W G Rihelddafer.....	1	Elder ...	Benwood.....	“	“
Moundsville.....	J M Warden.....	2	“	Moundsville.....	“	“
New Martinsville.....	T R Faulkner.....	1	“	New Martinsville.	Wetzel.....	“
Greene.....	G W Parriott.....	2	“	Belton.....	Marshall....	“
Cameron.....	A Hall.....	1	“	Cameron.....	“	“
Grave Creek.....	W F Cannan.....	2	“	Moundsville.....	“	“
“	One to be supplied..	“	“	“	“	“
Dallas.....	M McNeel.....	1	Elder ...	Dallas.....	Marshall....	W. Va.
Sh't Cr'k & Liberty	J P Thatcher.....	2	“	Liberty.....	Ohio.....	“
Triadelphia.....	D H K Dix.....	2	“	Triadelphia.....	“	“
Clarksburg District..	G Martin, P E.....	1	Elder ...	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	W. Va.
“ Station.....	W E Loomis.....	2	“	Clarksburg.....	Harrison....	“
West Milford.....	W W Kelley.....	2	“	West Milford.....	“	“
Wilsonburg.....	J H Hess.....	2	Deacon.	Wilsonburg.....	“	“
“	I C Paugh.....	2	On trial	“	“	“
Cherry Camp.....	R S Welsh.....	2	Elder ...	Cherry Camp.....	“	“
Smithton.....	J C Rexroad.....	2	“	Smithton.....	Doddridge..	“
Lumberport.....	J F Snodgrass.....	1	“	Lumberport.....	Marion.....	“
Pruntytown.....	C S Allemong.....	2	“	Pruntytown.....	Taylor.....	“
Bridgeport.....	To be supplied.....	“	“	Bridgeport.....	Harrison....	“
Fairmont.....	W R White.....	1	Elder ...	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	“
Marion.....	J J Dolliver.....	2	“	Barracksville.....	“	“
Mannington.....	T H Trainer.....	1	“	Mannington.....	“	“
Pine Grove.....	J E Mercer.....	2	On trial	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	“
Blacksville.....	J P Varner.....	2	“	Blacksville.....	Monongalia	“
Jollytown.....	C J Trippett.....	1	Elder ...	Jollytown.....	Greene.....	Pa.
Littleton.....	C H Conway.....	1	“	Littleton.....	Wetzel.....	W. Va.

*President of University; member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Years in Charge	State in Ministry.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Buckhannon District.	T B Hughes, P E.....	3	Elder ..	Buckhannon.....	Upshur	W. Va.
“ Station	E S Wilson.....	3	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
“ Circuit	F M Hughes.....	1	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Phillippi.....	W E Lovett.....	1	“ “	Phillippi.....	Barbour.....	“
Upshur	A Mick.....	1	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Beverly	S Cummings.....	1	Deacon.	Beverly	Randolph.....	W. Va.
Sutton.....	C W Upton.....	2	“ “	Sutton.....	Braxton.....	“
Webster.....	C Poling.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Frenchton.....	John Conwell.....	1	Elder ..	Centreville.....	Upshur	W. Va.
Canaan.....	R Weese.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Weston.....	S E Jones.....	1	“ “	Weston.....	Lewis.....	W. Va.
Glenville.....	G Rogers.....	1	“ “	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	“
Randolph.....	D M Heaston.....	2	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
Freemansburg.....	C Warman.....	2	Deacon.	“ “	“ “	“
Mingo Flatts.....	Suppl'd by H Foggy	“	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Parkersburg District.	J L Clark, P E.....	1	Elder ..	Parkersburg.....	Wood	W. Va.
“ Station	C E Manchester.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
“ Circuit.	J F Chenoweth.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Williamstown.....	M W Rider.....	1	“ “	Williamstown.....	“ “	“
Mt. Pleasant.....	T Cotton.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Volcano.....	J A Fullerton.....	2	“ “	Volcano.....	Wood	W. Va.
Bellville.....	E C Woodruff.....	1	“ “	Bellville.....	“ “	“
Ravenswood.....	W H Shaw.....	2	“ “	Ravenswood.....	Jackson.....	“
Harrisville.....	W H Young.....	1	“ “	Harrisville.....	Ritchie.....	“
Elizabeth.....	H H Westwood.....	1	“ “	Elizabeth.....	Wirt.....	“
Ellenboro.....	C H Lakin.....	3	“ “	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	“
West Union.....	J Engle.....	1	On trial	West Union.....	Doddridge.....	“
Sistersville.....	R M Wallace.....	1	Elder ..	Sistersville.....	Tyler.....	“
“ “	One to be supplied.....	“	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Middlebourne.....	H J Boatman.....	3	Elder ..	Middlebourne.....	“ “	“
Centreville.....	J W Lambert.....	2	On trial	Centreville.....	“ “	W. Va.
Petroleum.....	J T Carroll.....	1	Elder ..	“ “	“ “	“
Charleston District.	S E Steele, P E.....	3	Elder ..	Kanawha C. H.....	Kanawha	W. Va.
“ Station	E W Ryan.....	3	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
“ Circuit.	A T Morrison.....	2	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
East Charleston Cir.	B Hagar.....	3	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Malden.....	H Scott.....	1	Deacon.	Kanawha Salines.....	“ “	“
Nicholas.....	F H J King.....	3	Elder ..	Summersville.....	Nicholas.....	“
Mountain Cove.....	G R Copeland.....	1	On trial	Mountain Cove.....	Payette.....	“
Hartford City.....	G Crossfield.....	1	Elder ..	Hartford City.....	Mason.....	“
Mason City.....	L D King.....	1	“ “	Mason City.....	“ “	“
Clifton.....	L L Stewart.....	2	“ “	Clifton.....	“ “	“
Point Pleasant.....	F A Trippett.....	2	“ “	Point Pleasant.....	“ “	“
Letart, &c.....	J W Griffiths.....	1	“ “	Leon.....	“ “	“
“ “	One to be supplied.....	“	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Mill Creek.....	C R Shackelford.....	1	Deacon.	Fisher's Point.....	Jackson.....	W. Va.
Ripley.....	To be supplied.....	“	“ “	Ripley.....	“ “	“
Spencer.....	N C Beckley.....	3	Elder ..	Spencer.....	Roane.....	“
Smithville.....	E D W King.....	1	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Arnoldsburg.....	L D Heatherly.....	1	On trial	Arnoldsburg.....	Calhoun.....	W. Va.
Pleasant Retreat.....	T P Ryan.....	1	Elder ..	Big Sycamore.....	Clay.....	“
Elk River.....	J T Davis.....	2	“ “	Clendennin.....	Kanawha	“
Clay.....	A L Curtis.....	1	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
Guyandotte District.	J W Webb, P E.....	1	Elder ..	Huntington.....	Cabell.....	W. Va.
“ Station.	J Lee.....	1	“ “	Guyandotte.....	“ “	“
Hunting'n & Cer'do	G C Schaeffer.....	1	“ “	Huntington.....	“ “	“
Barboursville.....	C Crawford.....	2	Deacon.	Barboursville.....	“ “	“
Wayne.....	G H Williams.....	2	Elder ..	Buffalo Shoals.....	Wayne.....	“
Monticello.....	D S Hammond.....	2	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
Winfield.....	U Pribble.....	1	“ “	Winfield.....	Putnam.....	W. Va.
Hamline.....	B Darlington.....	2	Elder ..	Hamline.....	Lincoln.....	“
Coal River.....	B D Mahone.....	2	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
St. Albans & Milton	J W Bedford.....	1	Deacon.	“ “	“ “	“
Boone.....	A D Perry.....	1	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Fayette.....	W A Cheuvront.....	1	Elder ..	Fayetteville.....	Fayette.....	W. Va.
Mercer.....	C F Johnson.....	1	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
Raleigh & Summers	S C Loomis.....	1	Elder ..	“ “	“ “	“
Coalburgh.....	W D Carrico.....	1	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Wyon'g & M'Dow'l	R R Little.....	2	On trial	“ “	“ “	“
Cassville.....	W Wristen.....	1	Elder ..	“ “	“ “	“
“ “	One to be supplied.....	“	“ “	“ “	“ “	“
Logan.....	To be supplied.....	“	“ “	“ “	“ “	“

Question 23.—Where and when shall the next Conference be held?

Answer.—Parkersburg. Time not given.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, &c.

ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION:

E. W. Ryan, W. M. West, G. C. Schaeffer, W. E. Loomis.

ON COURSE OF STUDY:

First Year—J. R. Thompson, G. E. Hite, F. M. Hughes, Joseph Lee.

Second Year—L. L. Stewart, L. H. Jordan, W. W. Kelley, M. W. Rider.

Third Year—W. R. White, S. Steele, W. C. Snodgrass, W. Prettyman.

Fourth Year—J. A. Fullerton, A. Hall, R. M. Wallace, S. E. Jones.

ON LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACONS' ORDERS:

T. R. Faulkner, N. L. Baumgardner, J. M. Warden.

ON LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDERS' ORDERS:

B. Ison, E. D. W. King, A. Mick.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

A. R. Reilly. *Alternate*—A. Hall.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

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TRIERS OF APPEALS.

Samuel Steele, T. H. Trainer, J. M. Warden, E. S. Wilson,
R. M. Wallace, E. W. Ryan, W. D. Carrico.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARLESTON, October 8, 1877.

The Board would respectfully call attention to the following matters of importance:

1. That while the amounts allowed and paid the Preachers are less than for the half of last year, the deficiency is less by \$975.57.

2. The great improvement in the collection for Conference claimants over last year, aggregating \$810.91 for the six months, against \$1,031.18 for the whole of last year.

3. The great lack of information in regard to claimants' use of the Conference funds.

4. The exceeding carelessness of many members of the Conference in their reports of salaries and receipts. Buckhannon circuit, Petroleum, Middlebourne, Greene, Deer Park and Selbysville and Johnstown making no report, Mountain Cove, Ripley, Smithville, Bell Creek, Clay and Buffalo reporting only claims, and many other charges reporting very imperfectly.

5. Especially would we call the attention of the Conference to the importance of having all reports and claims placed in the hands of the Board on the first day of the session, thereby preventing delay and inaccuracy.

6. The Board would further call particular attention to the fact that for the sake of uniformity it is desirable that in future the brethren report as salary only so much as is claimed and received in addition to house rent, the amount of rent being reported separately; in case there is a Parsonage the rental value thereof should be given, and a P placed before the figures to denote the fact.

7. The Board estimates the amounts necessary for the support of claimants and necessitous cases for the ensuing year at \$2,500, and apportions it among the Districts as follows:

Morgantown.....	\$550 00
Wheeling.....	700 00
Clarksburg.....	425 00
Buckhannon.....	150 00
Parkersburg.....	375 00
Charleston.....	225 00
Guyandotte.....	75 00

Total.....\$2,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. MARTIN, Chairman.

S. L. ALLEN, Secretary.

APPORTIONMENT OF MISSIONARY FUNDS.

CHARLESTON, October 9, 1877.

The Missionary Committee make the following apportionments of the Missionary money, \$3,000, apportioned to this Conference, and present it as their report to the Conference :

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.		CHALESTON DISTRICT.	
Smithtown	\$ 50	Mountain Cove.....	\$ 60
Pleasant Hill.....	60	Malden	80
St. George.....	50	Charleston Circuit.....	50
Pleasant Grove.....	50	East Charleston.....	60
Deer Park.....	40	Pleasant Retreat.....	60
Rowlesburg.....	50	Elk River.....	60
Fetterman	33	Mill Creek.....	40
Total.....	\$333	Mason City.....	60
		Arnoldsburg.....	40
		Clay	40
		Ripley	40
		Letart and Leon.....	40
		Spencer.....	30
		Total.....	\$660
WHEELING DISTRICT.		GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.	
New Martinsville.....	\$100	Guyandotte District.....	\$250
Cameron.....	70	Guyandotte Station.....	50
Fulton	100	Huntington.....	100
Total.....	\$270	Barboursville.....	50
		Raleigh and Summers.....	25
		Fayette	40
		Mercer	50
		Wyoming and McDowell.....	40
		Hamline.....	40
		Cassville.....	40
		St. Albans and Milton.....	50
		Coal River.....	24
		Coalburg.....	50
		Total.....	\$809
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.		RECAPITULATION.	
Cherry Camp.....	\$ 70	Morgantown District.....	\$333
Bridgeport.....	24	Wheeling do	270
Smithton	70	Clarksburg do	244
Littleton.....	80	Buckhannon do	360
Total.....	\$244	Parkersburg do	324
		Charleston do	660
		Guyandotte do	809
		Total.....	\$3,000
BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.			
Canaan.....	\$ 80		
Mingo Flats.....	100		
Randolph.....	85		
Webster	95		
Total.....	\$360		
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.			
Petroleum.....	\$140		
West Union.....	50		
Parkersburg Circuit.....	40		
Mount Pleasant.....	45		
Bellville.....	25		
Williamstown.....	24		
Total.....	\$324		

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

SAM. STEELE, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

L. SCOTT.

ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

CHARLESTON, October 9, 1877.

The committee on Church Extension feel gratified in reporting a small increase in the contributions to this great church interest, and we trust that the Presiding Elders and Preachers in charge will fully carry out the requirements of the Discipline.

We offer the following as the apportionments to be raised for the coming year:

Morgantown	\$ 80 00
Wheeling.....	150 00
Clarksburg.....	75 00
Buckhannon.....	75 00
Parkersburg.....	60 00
Charleston.....	60 00
Guyandotte.....	40 00
Total.....	\$540 00

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

S. STEELE, Secretary.

ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

CHARLESTON, October 9, 1877.

We apportion the Episcopal Fund as follows:

Morgantown.....	\$ 80 00
Wheeling.....	100 00
Clarksburg.....	60 00
Buckhannon.....	40 00
Parkersburg.....	60 00
Charleston.....	60 00
Guyandotte.....	30 00
Total.....	\$430 00

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

S. STEELE, Secretary.

ON MISSIONS.

CHARLESTON, October 9, 1877.

The Missionary Committee are glad to report an increase in our Missionary contributions for the present short Conference year, and think that this increase arises from the more fully carrying out, by the preachers, the Disciplinary requirements in this particular; therefore,

Resolved. That we pledge ourselves anew more fully to carry out the excellent plan as laid down in the Discipline, and raise the amount required by the Missionary Society of the Church, for its successful operations.

The following is the apportionment for the Districts :

Morgantown.....	\$ 700 00
Wheeling.....	1,700 00
Clarksburg	400 00
Buckhannon.....	250 00
Parkersburg	500 00
Charleston.....	350 00
Guyandotte.....	200 00
Total.....	\$4,100 00

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

S. STEELE, Secretary.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT

CHARLESTON, October 4, 1877.

EXPENSES.

On Conference trunk.....	\$1 00
Conference envelopes.....	4 37
Expressage, Postage, &c.....	2 30
Paper, Ink, Pads, &c.....	85
Conference box.....	2 25
Record book.....	6 00
Total	\$16.77

FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.

Balance from last year.....	\$ 38
Collection for Secretary.....	15 69—\$16 07
Balance due Secretary.....	70

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.

FUNDS.

Balance from last year.....	\$49 13
Received from Preachers.....	73 27
Advertisements.....	103 00—\$225 40

EXPENSES.

For printing Minutes.....	\$120 00
Postage, expressage, paper, &c.....	17 25—137 25
Balance in hands of Secretaries.....	\$88 15

Brother Wilding deserves the thanks of the Conference for his work in securing advertisements and sending out the minutes. The thanks of the Conference are also due to Brother W. T. Lewis, the Secretary on Railroad passes.

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE,

TREASURER'S REPORT.

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

CHARLESTON, October 6, 1877.

Report of Educational Fund of West Virginia Conference, received from the several Districts:

Morgantown District.....	\$ 85
Wheeling District.....	34 00
Clarksburg District.....	2 15
Buckhannon District.....	1 10
Parkersburg District.....	3 43
Charleston District.....	1 80
Guyandotte District.....	1 00
Total.....	\$44 33

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. WALLACE, Conference Treasurer.

MISSIONARY FUND.

CHARLESTON, October 6, 1877.

Report of Missionary Money for West Virginia Conference by Districts.

Morgantown District.....	\$333 32
Wheeling District.....	857 78
Clarksburg District.....	170 67
Buckhannon District.....	112 65
Parkersburg District.....	305 20
Charleston District.....	146 29
Guyandotte District.....	91 60
Received Monday morning.....	2 00
Total.....	\$2,019 51

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. WALLACE, Conference Treasurer.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

CHARLESTON, October 6, 1877.

Report on Bishops' Fund, of West Virginia Conference :

Morgantown District.....	\$54 43
Wheeling District.....	50 35
Clarksburg District.....	30 85
Buckhannon District.....	10 60
Parkersburg District.....	30 67
Charleston District.....	23 97
Guyandotte District.....	11 00
Unknown	3 50
Total.....	\$215 37

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. WALLACE, Conference Treasurer.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, after due examination report the same correct.

S. HITCHENS, Chairman.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

CHARLESTON, October 4, 1877.

The Centenary Fund in my custody is \$165.00. It has been loaned to Brother Northcraft at 8 per cent. interest, and a deed of trust taken upon real estate as security. The interest amounting to \$ is in my possession, waiting the order of the Conference.

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

ON JONES BEQUEST.

CHARLESTON, October 6, 1877.

The money received from the Jones estate, which now amounts to \$600, has been invested as directed, and the interest for this Conference year, amounting to \$30.50, has been paid to the Stewards.

S. B. D. PRICKITT, Trustee.

THE PUMPHREY BEQUEST.

CHARLESTON, October 5, 1877.

The Pumphrey Fund was loaned and secured by real estate, and the interest paid over to the Board of Stewards, as directed by the Conference, to September 21, 1877.

A. J. LYDA,
G. MARTIN.

ON JOURNALS.

CHARLESTON, October 8, 1877.

Your Secretaries, as a committee on District Conference Journals, report that they are properly kept.

J. L. CLARK, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

WHEREAS, in our judgment, the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is an evil in our land, of the gravest character, and one which has ruined the body, soul and future of many;

WHEREAS, there has been an unusual interest manifested in the "Temperance Movement," within the past year, in which the friends of temperance and sobriety have, in the absence of sectarian prejudice and denominational peculiarities, united in sentiment and effort for the suppression of this evil;

WHEREAS, many forfeited relations to society and position of trust and honor have been restored, and the spirit of true manhood has again encircled the brow of the unfortunate, and the homes of many have been made glad at the return of peace and comfort, brought about by this movement; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the unmistakable evidence of the Divine approval as seen in the bestowment of the Holy Spirit, which as an Holy unction has attended this movement from the time of its inauguration until the present.

Resolved, 2. That we do with "Malice toward none and Charity for all," most heartily co-operate in the furtherance of this reformation, and with unyielding purpose extend the helping hand, for the mitigation and final prohibition of the sale and use of ardent spirits as a beverage, or *medicinally*, except in case of *extreme* necessity.

Resolved, 3. That as this is a work for God and humanity, that the church should place herself in the front ranks and give directions to and lead the multiplying hosts of Temperance on to victory. And further that each Pastor be requested to preach on this subject once a year in each of his congregations, and organize his Sabbath schools into "Temperance Societies," for the benefit of the young.

Resolved, 4. That we *insist* that our Stewards provide the *pure unfermented* juice of the grape for Sacramental purposes, as recommended by the General Conference of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. REILEY, Chairman.

W. H. YOUNG, Secretary.

 THE SABBATH.

The observance of the Sabbath is especially enjoined by the Word of God, and is essential to Christian character and the highest civilization; Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily disapprove of all desecration of this sacred day, either by individuals or corporations, in home interests or on public thoroughfares, in the humble shop or in manufacturing enterprises.

Resolved, That we will, as the Discipline requires, preach specifically on the subject during the year, and labor to secure a correct sentiment and practice on the subject.

ON TRACT CAUSE.

The committee on the Tract Cause report as follows: Amount received from the several charges, \$42.46; in excess of last year \$11.60. We would submit the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Our Tract Society is in debt, and the contribution to foreign fields has been much greater than in former years, and funds are needed every day to carry on the work of the society; Be it therefore

Resolved, That every Pastor present the claims of the Society to his respective charges and ask the people to give what they *please* to this interest, that the debt of the Society may be paid and a fund raised to supply the demands of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. RIPPEY, Chairman.

T. R. FAULKNER, Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

Knowing that God designed the salvation of the world through the church, and that the men and women that are to compose the church of the future, are the Sunday school children of to-day, it is clearly the duty of the church to advance and expand to its broadest proportions the Sunday school interest. While we notice with pleasure the vast improvements that have been made in the "Sunday School" work in the recent past, yet we do not believe that the Sunday schools are as efficient as they should be, and there yet remains scope for great advancement in this direction. Therefore

Resolved, 1. That we, as Pastors, will industriously labor to raise to that prominence, (lawfully its own) the work of the Sunday school, and we will rise to the level of our responsibility, and try to meet the disciplinary requirements touching our duties in this relation.

Resolved, 2. That we will impress upon parents that it is not only their duty to send their children to the Sunday school, but to come themselves, where it is at all practicable.

Resolved, 3. That we will give as much of our time as possible in working up the interest of the schools under our supervision, becoming in its broadest sense "Sunday school men."

We report \$59.64 collected for this interest, which we find to be a very gratifying increase, in proportion to time, over the collection of last year.

ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals having considered the subject presented to them, beg leave to report the following:

The Press is recognized as one of the most potent agencies for

good or evil. Its influence touches the very springs of social life. The church has wisely utilized this means of evangelization and it is a part of the great pastoral work to see that our journals and books are widely circulated. Good reading for the masses should be our motto. We regret that a more extensive distribution of papers and books, which contribute to religious culture, has not obtained. We urge, therefore, that a more direct and aggressive system be adopted to put into the families of our pastorates a healthy moral literature. We point with some satisfaction to the able journalists of our church and rejoice that our publications and periodicals are informing the taste and enlarging the knowledge of our people. Especially do we rejoice that our *Quarterly Review* and *National Repository* are doing so good a work; and we pledge our aid in getting for these two noble journals a more liberal patronage. We express the hope also that our weekly journals may be so generously supported that they may be sustained without admitting to their columns serial sensational stories, or advertisements puffing patent nostrums and gift enterprises which promise something for nothing. Every pastor will find a powerful ally in a paper which can, by its choice selections, its pure diction, and editorials that recognize that brevity is the soul of wit, displace the worthless story sheets that find an advertizing bazaar in our parlors. Let one of the questions we ask of the families we visit be, "Do you take any of our papers?" Sermons on mental culture, making special mention of good books and papers for young and old, would be invaluable. Pastors' libraries, for those who have passed beyond the curriculum of the Sabbath schools, would bring pulpit and pew nearer together. Again, special attention is called to the fact that some of our parishioners are on the poor list and can neither purchase books nor subscribe to journals. We commend to all our preachers to search for these neglected ones, and by loan or gift respond to this want. No minister can measure the value of a good book placed in the hands of a child. Let us pledge ourselves to spread a select Methodist literature over our fields of labor.

W. R. WHITE.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

CHARLESTON, October 9, 1877.

The Conference Board of Church Extension offer the following report:

The Parent Board at Philadelphia notified us early in the year that there was placed to the credit of our Conference \$160 for donations and \$500 for loans.

Two meetings of the Board have been held since the last session of Conference. Quite a number of applications were re-

ceived from various points in our work. Our resources were so limited we felt much embarrassed in determining where our pittance would do the greatest amount of good. Two churches, the one at Leon and the other at Point Pleasant, we recommended as deserving aid, the first by donation and the latter by loan.

As we read the earnest appeals for assistance, coming up from weak and needy churches, we sincerely wished for at least \$1,000, that we might speedily go to their assistance.

Brethren, this collection is one in which we all are deeply concerned. The amount received depends directly upon the amount we collect. Let us determine to raise a round \$500 this coming year that we may draw the proffered \$1,000.

W. C. WILSON, President.

G. C. WILDING, Secretary.

ON FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The object of our Freedman's Aid Society is the accomplishment of a first-class Mission work in our country. It appeals strongly to true, humble Christian love. There is a special and urgent need that we study the spirit of our adorable Master, and cultivate lowliness of heart and mind. If the colored race among us are a despised people, we are called to see to it that active Christian effort is made to lift them up. It will ennoble the Christian civilization in which we delight. It is due to ourselves—it is due to those whom our nation so long enslaved—that we stand firmly, even joyfully and hopefully, by this work of the Church, the education of Freedmen. The real condition is, that as the years since the rebellion have increased, the zeal in this blessed cause has declined. It is time for a revival in the West Virginia Conference. Only one-third of our charges report a collection for this church benevolence, and some of these not more than 25 cents. The collections this year were \$142.35, which was paid over by the Conference Treasurer to Bro. Pye, of the Western Book Concern. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will, in each of our charges, present this cause to the people, and ask for an annual collection.

WESLEY PRETTYMAN, Chairman.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

CHARLESTON, October 8th, 1877.

The total collections for the Bible cause for the past year amount to \$159.78, being an increase of \$59.00 over last year. Considering the shortness of the year and the hard times, this re-

port is encouraging, but still the collections fall far short of what they should be.

In view of what the American Bible Society has done, and is doing, to supply the destitute poor with the *Word of God*, by maintaining Depositories, and sending out Colporteurs to go from house to house, and carry to every home the bread of life; and since this Society has expended more money in West Virginia than it has received, and is a most faithful and liberal co-worker in our Missionary work at home and abroad; Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will heartily co-operate with the State Bible Agent, Rev. W. R. Long, in his Missionary labors, and the county agents and Colporteurs in the general explorations of the waste places of the State.

Resolved, 2. That we will take up a collection for this cause in each of our charges during the coming Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN ISON, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee has considered with care the subject referred to it, and the special educational interests connected with our Conference work, and ask leave to submit the following report:

Education, if properly conceived, as the development and uplifting of manhood, is a subject of transcendent importance. If Education be, as John Milton thought, a restoration from the ruin of the fall, then it certainly demands the sympathies and energies of Christian men, and emphatically of Christian ministers.

To educate, so far as the individual is concerned, means an increase of his capacity, and an increased disposition to employ his powers for the well-being of mankind. To educate, means for society a growth of all its resources. It means an increase of wealth; the harmony of diverse interests; capacity to make field, forest, mine, earth and ocean, the near and remote, contribute to human sustenance and happiness, a greater strength and glory of manly character, more refined and elegant homes, happier children, nobler youth, a wiser maturity, and a more peaceful and golden old age. For the Church, Education means a richly furnished ministry, an intelligent and useful membership, a clear comprehension of the needs of the world, and multiplied activities for human redemption. The religion of the Bible demands culture. Its Holy oracles must be explained, its historic re-

cords must be examined in the light of a searching criticism, and its sublime dogmas must be upheld despite the antagonisms of a speculative philosophy. The friends and advocates of the Christian system must be prepared to show the relations which the Church sustains to human governments, to the increase of civilization, to the promotion of genuine reforms, and to the progress of the race in the overthrow, by Gospel agencies, of despotism, idolatry and all barbarous and degrading practices and institutions.

It is hardly possible, in view of these facts, to over-estimate the value of educational work. The sword of the Spirit needs to be wielded by skillful hands, directed by cultured brains. The heaviest artillery is demanded for the service of the armies of our King. Every advance of the Church is met by trained and liberally endowed foes. Indeed, the bulwarks of Sacred Truth are constantly and vigorously assailed with every weapon which can be found in the armories of history, science and philosophy. If the Church does not place in the hands of on-coming generations all the forces and appliances of Christian Education, infidelity will rear his ghastly throne above the sepulchre of our most cherished hopes, and a wave of barbarism will overflow and desolate the land, with a tide of death.

This work of education is a work of patriotism as well as a work of religion. It is by the liberal courses of instruction in the academies and colleges, including not only mathematics and classics, but history, jurisprudence, political economy, and moral science, that the pillars of empire are reared. The safety of the nation, and so of all landed and bonded estates, is in the liberal, thorough and general education of its citizens. An ignorant people cannot remain a free people. Christian culture, therefore, lies at the very foundation of representative government, and of the hopes of the race.

We desire in view of these considerations, again to place ourselves on record, both as a Conference and a church, as the earnest and constant friends, not only of education generally, but also of the public school system of the State. We rejoice in the success of that system, and in the increasing efficiency and usefulness of the *Peoples' Schools*. We advise our preachers and members, throughout the State, to encourage, in all practical ways, that plan of free schools which brings at least a rudimentary education within the reach of every boy and girl in the commonwealth.

We recognize the Normal schools and the State University as an essential part of the public school system of West Virginia. That the Normal schools have done excellent work, not only in the training of public school teachers and in elevating the standard of qualifications demanded for this important position, but also in furnishing facilities for academic instruction to large numbers of youth, is, we think, an unquestioned fact, of great significance to the State and to the church.

We would especially commend the Normal School at Fairmont, presided over by a member of this Conference, Rev. Dr. J. G. Blair, and having not only a Normal course, but also scientific and classical departments, as eminently worthy of public patronage.

We recognize also the growing influence of the State University, and rejoice in its prosperity. The wisdom of the elevation of our honored brother, Rev. J. R. Thompson, A. M., to the Presidency of the University, is proved by his success in his high office. The end crowns the work. We commend the University to the confidence and support of the people of the State.

Mt. Union College continues its prosperous career. The health, deportment and educational progress of the students, as we learn from the report of the Board of Trustees, have been good during the past year. The number of students in actual attendance was 851. The course of instruction in this college is thorough, practical and Christian. Many of the pupils are brought under a religious influence which fashions their future character and career. We rejoice in the indications of the prosperity of this excellent institution; and we recommend the appointment of W. H. Morton, J. W. Webb and J. W. Reger as visiting committee, and Gideon Martin, W. C. Snodgrass and W. R. White as a committee of supervision.

The West Virginia, the Pittsburgh, the Erie and the East Ohio Annual Conferences are the patronizing Conferences of the Allegheney College. They have equal rights in the Board of Supreme control. Through that Board, they nominate the Trustees, and co-operate in the selection of the Faculty. The Trustees are required, by compact, to report annually to these Conferences. There are six schools now in successful operation in connection with the college, namely: the school of Liberal Arts, the school of Science, the school of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, the school of Latin and Modern Languages, the school of Military Science and Tactics, and the Preparatory School.

This is in accordance with the charter, which gives full university powers. The number of pupils in attendance last year aggregated 206—the largest number since 1861, and an increase of seventy-five per cent. over the previous year. The curriculum of study is of high order, both as to range and extent, and places the college abreast with the most advanced institutions of the country. The doors of Allegheny are open to both sexes, and two young women were graduated to the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the recent Commencement.

It is said that the first Napoleon once asked Madam de Stael in what manner he could most promote the happiness of France. She said, "Instruct the mothers of the French people." "Her reply," said Daniel Webster, "is full of political wisdom." It is, we add, the highest spiritual wisdom on the part of the Christian church, and especially of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and most especially in this era when cultured women are in such growing demand for educational and charitable work, and for mission fields, to give to the daughters which blossom in our homes, the best advantages of the best courses of study, in our best scientific and literary institutions.

Many things commend Allegheny College to the liberal patronage of the public, and especially of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its historic achievements, its liberal endowments, its excellent buildings, library and philosophical apparatus, its thoroughly able and accomplished Faculty, its many and admirable courses of study, its co-operative boarding system greatly reducing the amount of necessary expenses, and withal the excellent religious influence, surrounding and pervading the institution with an atmosphere of integrity and purity, all these things combine to lift Allegheny College to a lofty position, and to render it a powerful magnet, through a wide section of country, to thoughtful parents and aspiring youth.

Your committee recommend the acceptance and adoption of the revised compact herewith submitted, and concurrence in the amendment proposed by the Pittsburgh Conference. We nominate as members of the Board of Control, Rev. A. C. George, D. D., Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, Hon. B. F. Martin and Hon. T. H. Logan, and for visitors, Rev. E. W. Ryan, Rev. C. E. Manchester, Hon. G. W. Atkinson and A. L. Wade, Esq.

We request the Bishop to appoint Rev. F. W. Wood Professor in Mt. Union College, Rev. J. G. Blair, D. D., Principal of State

Normal school, and Rev. W. H. Morton, Secretary of West Virginia Educational Society.

In conclusion we desire to remind our people that the Discipline of the Church makes it "the duty of each preacher in charge of a circuit or station to take one public collection annually in each society in aid of education," also, to preach on the subject of education once a year, to diffuse information by the distribution of tracts or otherwise, and especially to call the attention of our wealthy members and friends to the duty of making liberal donations and bequests to this object." We ask the members of the church to co-operate cheerfully and earnestly with their preachers in carrying out these important provisions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. GEORGE, Chairman.

C. E. MANCHESTER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, our Bro. W. T. Lewis has asked and obtained a location, we rejoice that he does not take this relation to remain out of the active work but to resume it in another field.

Resolved, Therefore that our best wishes shall accompany him wherever he goes, and that our prayers will ever be for his prosperity and happiness.

Resolved, Secondly that we shall gladly, at any time, welcome his return to our ranks.

D. H. K. DIX,
J. A. FULLERTON,
C. E. MANCHESTER,
A. HALL.

Resolved, That we fully and cordially endorse the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, and that we will use our best endeavors to extend its circulation

A. R. REILEY,
J. P. THATCHER,
G. MARTIN.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference, are due, and are hereby tendered, to Dr. A. C. George and President J. R. Thompson, for the able and instructive lectures which they have delivered during the present session.

R. M. WALLACE,
W. C. SNODGRASS,
E. W. RYAN.

Resolved, That we are gratified with the official visit of Rev. G. W. Clark, D. D., Financial Secretary of Allegheny College, and that we will ever welcome him to labor with us for the cause of Christian Education, as he may have opportunity.

J. WESLEY WEBB,
B. ISON.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

"Whoever Liveth and Believeth in Me, Shall Never Die."

NAMES.	Where Died.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Virginia.....	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854.....	Effective.....	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....	.....	April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
William Summers.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Superannuated.....	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....	.....	April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
Jesse Freeland.....	Kingwood, West Virginia.....	June 6, 1856.....	Superannuated.....	40	...
Alpheus Robe.....	.....	.....	On Trial.....	33	2
James A. Young.....	.....	.....	On Trial.....	33	1
W. D. Warman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightsstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Virginia.....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....	...	4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, West Virginia.....	January 24, 1870.....	Superannuated.....	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, West Virginia.....	.....	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, West Virginia.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, West Virginia.....	March 6, 1873.....	Effective.....	37	7
George W. Richmond.....	Wheeling, West Virginia.....	March 16, 1874.....	Effective.....	41	17
Thomas M. Hartley.....	West Liberty.....	May 3, 1875.....	Effective.....	33	11
Michael Dowler.....	Marshall County, West Virginia.....	November 29, 1875.....	Superannuated.....	70	6
Moses Titchener.....	Rosemond, Illinois.....	May 23, 1876.....	Superannuated.....	70	38
Wilson L. Hindman.....	Moundsville, West Virginia.....	March 17, 1877.....	Effective.....	70	28

Stewards' Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the Year ending
October, 1877.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Personages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Morgantown Dist't	Sam'l Steele, P E						\$50 00
" Station	W R White.....	\$ 450 00	\$450 00	\$52 50	\$52 50	\$ 20 00	P 75 00
" Circuit	S Lowther.....	300 00	300 00	40 00	40 00	8 50	50 00
Smithtown	F G W Ford.....	198 00	191 04	22 50	22 50	1 00	13 00
Monongalia	J E Wasson.....	375 00	332 88	45 00	45 00	11 00	P 50 00
	C B Price.....	75 00	75 00				
Brandonville	D Cool.....	262 50	187 50	40 00	40 00		P 25 00
Pleasant Hill	G Rogers.....	305 00	158 77	22 50	22 50	2 00	P 15 00
Grantsville	J Lee.....	125 00	125 00	23 00	23 00	4 00	
Kingwood	W Prettyman.....	402 13	402 13	38 00	38 00	17 00	P 75 00
Masontown	G C Schaffer.....	300 00	260 00	25 50	25 50	2 00	18 00
Oakland	B Ison.....	350 00	300 00	30 00	30 00	12 00	P 75 00
Deer Park	W E George sup..	136 00	67 47	12 50	12 50		
Newburgh	S King.....	350 00	350 00	31 50	31 50	3 55	
Evansville	C J Trippett.....	250 00	119 00	35 00	35 00	70	P 25 00
Pleas't Grove	J W Hess.....	230 00	180 42	20 00	20 00	2 25	P 20 00
Grafton Station...	L H Jordan.....	500 00	500 00	30 00	30 00	5 00	25 00
Knottsville Circ't	W J Sharpes.....	250 00	245 00	15 00	15 00	3 50	
Fetterman	S E Jones.....	155 00	153 00	31 50	31 50	5 00	P 40 00
Palatine	J B Feather.....	250 00	233 00	25 00	25 00	3 45	P 25 00
St. George	J G Weaver.....	250 00	225 00				
Thornton	S Harris sup.....	75 00	35 00	12 50	12 50	20	
Selb'spt&Johnst'n	T W Chidester.....			22 50	22 50		
Rowlesburg	M F Compton.....	100 00	100 00	15 00	15 00	2 33	17 50
		\$5,688 63	\$4,991 61	\$624 50	\$624 50	\$116 78	\$648 50
Wheeling District.	W C Wilson, P.E..						
Fourth Street ..	A C George.....	\$1,250 00	\$1,250 00	\$ 109 00	\$ 109 00	\$ 120 00	P 250 00
North Street....	G C Whiting.....	500 00	500 00	25 00	25 00	15 00	P 75 00
Thompson Ch....	A R Reley.....	523 00	523 00	34 00	34 00	50 00	P 25 00
Zane Street.....	S B D Prickett.....	500 00	500 00	54 50	54 50	5 00	100 00
Chapline Street.	W C Snodgrass.....	500 00	500 00	46 00	46 00	28 00	P 125 00
Wesley Chapel.	W E Rippey.....	234 00	234 00	18 00	18 00	1 00	66 00
Fulton Circuit.	G E Hite.....	250 00	250 00	13 50	13 50	4 50	
Marshall	W M West.....	300 00	300 00	36 00	36 00	10 00	P 25 00
Moundsville	J M Warden.....	400 00	400 00	34 50	34 50	4 50	P 50 00
New Martinsv'le	W G Rheldaffer..	258 00	268 00	22 50	22 50	2 50	42 00
Greene	G W Parriott.....			22 50	22 50		
Cameron	J L Clark.....	350 00	350 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	P 80 00
Grave Creek	W F Cannan.....	315 00	288 00	35 00	36 00	5 00	42 50
	A C Law.....	85 00	78 00				
Dallas	S Hitchens.....	312 50	312 50	34 00	34 00		P 40 00
Sh't C'k&Lib'ty	J P Thatcher.....	344 00	344 00	27 00	27 00	22 50	P 30 00
Triadelphia	D H K Dix.....	300 00	300 00	22 50	22 50	11 00	P 75 00
Benwood	Calvin Conner.....	360 00	240 00	20 00	20 00	50	
		\$6,788 50	\$6,639 50	\$575 00	\$575 00	\$ 296 78	\$1,125 50
Buckhannon Dist't	T B Hughes P E..						
" Station	E S Wilson.....	\$300 00	\$300 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 3 00	P \$50 00
" Circuit	L D Casto.....			50 00	50 00		
Phillippi	F M Hughes.....	273 50	250 00	40 00	40 00	2 00	
Upshur	J Conwell.....	280 00	216 00	35 00	32 25		75
Beverly	A Mick.....	240 00	156 86	37 50	35 01		80
Sutton	C W Upton.....	225 00	170 00	37 50	37 50	3 00	
Webster	C Poling.....	100 00	91 50	30 00	30 00	3 00	
Frenchton	W E Lovett.....	325 00	314 55	50 00	50 00	8 00	P 30 00
Canaan	R Weese.....	162 50	150 90	25 00	25 00	50	15 00
Weston	H C Sanford.....	350 00	200 00	42 50	42 50	2 75	P 50 00
Glenville	J F Snodgrass.....	276 50	242 50	40 00	40 00	3 00	
Randolph Mission	D M Heaston.....	55 10	55 10	25 00	22 50	1 00	
Freemansburg C't	C Warman.....	221 75	180 35	30 00	30 00	5 43	12 50
		\$2,808 35	\$2,327 76	\$492 50	\$484 76	\$33 23	\$157 50

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Clarksburg District	J W W Bolton P E						
" Station	W E Loomis.....	246 00	246 00	38 00	28 84	8 50	\$54 00
West Milford Cir't	W W Kelly.....	300 00	260 15	50 00	41 70	5 35	P 30 00
Wilsonsburg "	J H. Hess.....	125 00	125 00	30 00	33 17	3 90	
	I C Paugh.....	100 00	100 00				
Cherry Camp "	R S Welsh.....	237 50	212 50	25 00	25 00	5 00	P 20 00
Smithtown "	J C Rexroad.....	206 00	172 00	25 00	25 00	4 00	P 15 00
Lumberport "	N B Johnston.....	212 00	139 00	35 00	35 00	1 00	
Pruntytown "	C S Allemong.....	275 00	213 00	48 00	46 70	5 50	P 35 00
Bridgeport "	C H Conway.....	125 50	112 40	20 00	20 00	2 00	
Fairmont Station.	Gideon Martin.....	300 00	300 00	30 00	26 00	6 30	P 60 00
Marion Circuit.	J J Dolliver.....	300 00	280 00	48 00	48 09	7 00	P.....
Mannington "	M. McNeel.....	217 50	294 50	48 00	48 00	6 00	P 50 00
Pine Grove "	J E Mercer.....	110 00	110 00	25 00	25 00	6 00	
Blacksville "	J P Varner.....	125 00	131 50	23 00	23 00	1 00	
Jollytown "	W D Carrico.....	300 00	255 61	37 50	37 50	14 00	P 12 50
Littleton "	Steph Cummings..	134 00	90 06	17 50	17 50	1 50	16 00
		\$3,313 50	\$3,041 72	\$500 00	\$479 91	\$78 05	\$327 50
Parkersburg Dist't	A Hall, P E.....						
" Station	C E Manchester.....	\$650 00	\$650 00	\$45 00	\$45 00	\$30 00	P 150 00
" Circuit	J F Chenowith.....	250 00	250 00	37 50	30 80	4 00	20 00
Williamstown "	L D King.....	200 00	200 00	20 00	20 00	1 28	
Mt. Pleasant "	T Cotton.....	250 00	197 00	35 00	16 61	2 15	P 15 00
Volcano "	J A Fullerton.....	500 00	500 00	35 00	35 00	7 50	P 50 00
Belleville "	H H Westwood.....	241 00	228 00	42 50	42 50	5 00	25 00
Ravenswood "	W H Shaw.....	300 00	239 62	40 00	32 00	3 50	25 00
Harrisville "	R M Wallace.....	275 00	235 27	45 00	38 50	6 00	P 25 00
Elizabeth "	W T Lewis.....	275 00	275 00	45 00	45 00	1 70	P 40 00
Ellenboro "	C H Lakin.....	300 00	300 00	42 50	42 50	10 00	30 00
West Union "	W H Young.....	290 00	196 03	35 00	28 95	3 00	45 00
Sistersville "	E C Woodruff.....	220 00	130 00	45 00	28 16	5 00	30 00
St. Mary's "	T R Faulkner.....	126 00	126 00	17 50	17 50	3 60	24 00
Middlebourne "	H J Boatman.....	260 00	150 00	37 50	19 49		
Centreville "	J W Lambert.....	200 00	200 00	30 00	30 00		P 25 00
Petroleum "	T J Parks, sup.....	50 00	50 00	10 00	10 00		
		\$4,287 00	\$3,926 92	\$562 50	\$527 01	\$82 73	\$504 00
Charleston District	S E Steele, P E.....						
" Station	E W Ryan.....	\$500 00	\$500 00	\$50 00	\$50 00	\$5 25	P 60 00
" Circuit	A T Morriston.....	275 00	186 60	40 00	40 00	3 23	P 25 00
East Charl'stn "	B Hagar.....	200 00	129 51	25 00	16 68	1 00	
Malden "	G Crossfield.....	230 00	150 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	P 40 00
Nicholas "	F H J King.....	305 00	182 00	40 00	34 00	2 00	P 10 00
	A L Curtis sup.....	50 00	30 23				
Mount'n Cove "	J A Cobb sup.....	125 00	82 00	40 00	40 00		
Hartford City "	U Prible, sup.....	300 00	250 00	40 00	27 40	3 00	
Mason City "	M W Rider.....	225 00	230 00	30 00	30 00	4 00	
Clifton "	L L Stewart.....	300 00	300 00	30 00	22 63	7 50	P 40 00
Pt. Pleasant "	F A Trippett.....	250 00	231 00	30 00	30 00	1 00	P 50 00
Leon "	E D W King.....	238 00	179 25	32 50	32 50	2 00	12 00
Mill Creek "	J T Carroll.....	237 50	183 21	40 00	40 00	50	12 50
Ripley "	L D Hartley sup..	50 00		20 00	16 00		
Spencer "	N C Beckley.....	300 00	225 35	40 00	40 00	1 63	P 25 00
Smithville "	J W Griffiths.....	300 00	265 75	40 00	40 00	2 10	13 00
Arnoldsburg "	T P Ryan.....	225 00	145 60	25 00	25 00	45	
Bell Creek "	H Scott.....	260 00	205 78	32 50	32 50	1 00	
Elk River "	J T Davis.....	225 00	225 00	35 00	35 00	2 00	
Clay Mission.....	E Morton sup.....	110 00		10 00	10 00		
Buffalo.....	W B Trevey sup..	62 50		10 00	10 00		
		\$4,768 00	\$3,700 68	\$635 00	\$596 71	\$37 66	\$286 50

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Guyandotte District	T H Trainer, P. E.						
" Station	J W Huggins.....	\$ 209 00	\$ 210 75	\$ 30 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 1 00	
Huntington "	J W Webb.....	400 00	409 15	30 00	30 00	5 00	
Barboursv'le Cir.	C Crawford.....	125 00	120 25	20 00	20 00	2 50	
Wayne "	G H Williams.....	194 00	97 32	30 00	35 00	2 10	\$ 6 00
Ceredo "	J Engle.....	160 00	33 95	20 00	14 75	1 00	10 00
Monticello "	D S Hammond.....	150 00	90 00	20 00	20 00	2 00	
Winfield "	J W Bedford.....	137 00	100 25	25 00	24 00	1 00	25 00
Hamlin "	B Darlington.....	300 00	141 82	25 00	25 00	2 00	
Coal River "	B D Mahone.....	127 50	76 00	20 00	13 50	1 00	10 00
St. Albans & Milton	J L Moses.....	125 00	40 00	20 00	5 86		
Boone "	W Wristen.....	75 00	72 10	25 00	19 10	2 50	
Fayette "	N L Baumgardner	156 25	107 00	25 00	25 00	4 00	5 75
Mercer "	C S Harrison.....	100 00	45 00	20 00	16 50	1 00	
Raleigh & Summers	C R Shackelford...	150 00	67 74	30 00	20 45	1 10	21 00
Coalburgh "	W A Cheuvront...	150 00	75 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	15 00
McDowell & Wyoming	R R Little.....	88 00	35 75	25 00	3 95		
Cassville "	A D Perry.....	95 00	49 25	20 00	14 85	1 00	
Logan "	Jas. Glendenning, sup.	75 00	30 00	20 00	3 55		
Missionary money appropriated to the District.				125 00	125 00		
		\$2,816 75	\$1,801 40	\$555 00	\$471 51	\$28 20	\$92 75

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages.
	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.		
Morgantown.....	\$5,552 63	\$4,324 14	\$589 50	\$589 50	\$116 78	\$648 50
Wheeling.....	6,783 50	6,239 50	575 00	575 00	296 78	1,125 50
Clarksburg.....	3,313 50	3,041 72	500 00	479 91	78 05	327 50
Buckhannon.....	2,808 35	2,327 76	492 50	484 76	33 23	157 50
Parkersburg.....	4,077 00	3,736 92	562 50	482 01	82 73	504 00
Charleston.....	4,768 00	3,147 15	635 00	596 71	37 66	286 50
Guyandotte.....	2,816 75	1,801 40	555 00	471 51	28 20	92 75
	\$30,119 78	\$25,218 59	\$3,909 50	\$3,679 40	\$673 43	\$3,142 25

Respectfully submitted,

G. MARTIN, Chairman.

S. L. ALLEN, Secretary.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1877.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bapti'ms		Church Property.			Sab.Schools			Benevolent Collections.											
	Prob'aters	Full Mem- bers.	L.Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Miss'ry Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedmen's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.							
Morgantown District.....	26	247	1	...	16	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 3,000	1	22	150	\$ 20 00	\$ 71 17	\$ 14 36	\$ 85 53	...	\$ 5 29	\$ 3 50	\$ 3 50	\$ 5 20	...	...	...
" Station.....	4	380	2	2	16	5	4,000	7	...	7	78	410	8 50	10 75	...	10 75	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Circuit.....	15	296	4	3	4	9	6,000	8	5,000	8	52	279	1 00	1 00	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smithtown.....	3	630	6	7	...	8	5,000	7	700	7	82	330	11 00	30 00	...	30 00	5 00	4 00	...	...	...	3 00	...	...
Monongalia.....	390	2	...	1	12	6	7,000	1	1,000	6	42	350	...	6 00	...	6 00	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brandonville.....	24	196	2	2	...	6	2,800	1	400	5	50	150	2 00	3 00	...	3 00	...	1 50	...	...	1 00	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill.....	5	96	1	...	7	...	2	1,200	...	...	2	14	84	4 00	7 00	...	7 00	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...
Grantsville.....	31	210	6	15	1	1	1,800	1	3,000	6	54	235	17 00	31 75	3 25	35 00	...	...	...	50	...	9 00	...	\$30 84
Kingwood.....	15	260	1	1	1	7	4,000	...	...	8	...	...	2 00	7 04	...	7 04	...	50	...	...	2 25	2 50	60	4 55
Masontown.....	8	299	2	...	3	...	3	4,400	1	2,000	3	35	250	12 00	20 00	...	20 00	...	2 25	1 80	...	...	...	...
Oakland.....	194	2	9	...	2	...	2	1,200	...	...	6	26	180	...	2 00	...	2 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...
Deer Park.....	4	128	1	...	10	2	3,500	...	...	2	25	189	3 55	9 19	...	9 19	...	...	...	...	76	...	...	...
Newburgh.....	6	365	1	2	9	15	5,600	1	200	4	40	300	...	70	3 00	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evansville.....	13	229	2	1	...	3	1,600	1	500	7	72	360	...	4 32	68	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Grove.....	62	266	2	...	...	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	17	210	13 30	66 10	...	66 10	...	1 00	1 50	1 50	1 00	...	...	1 50
Grafton.....	1	360	1	1	...	5	5,000	...	...	6	48	375	5 00	10 00	...	10 00	...	1 00	50	1 00	...	30	25	...
Knottsville.....	2	62	...	...	2	1	4,000	...	...	1	12	82	3 50	5 25	...	5 25	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fetterman.....	10	549	3	2	...	20	8,000	1	1,200	5	65	425	5 00	10 00	...	10 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palatine.....	6	230	1	4	18	6	3,000	1	800	6	42	146	3 45	5 00	...	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
St. George.....	4	42	...	...	2	...	1	5,000	...	...	2	15	75	...	1 00	...	1 00	...	25	1 50	...	...	...	...
Thornton.....	14	78	...	1	4	1	3,000	...	...	1	15	70	2 33	2 95	4 25	7 20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rowlesburgh.....	252	5921	31	35	82	115	78	\$106,300	11	\$15,300	94	806	4650	\$114 33	\$306 52	\$22 54	\$329 06	\$5 00	\$18 92	\$8 05	\$13 41	\$22 00	\$ 85	\$36 89
Wheeling District.....	15	300	...	2	3	1	\$70,000	1	\$4,000	2	55	468	\$120 00	\$100 00	\$400 00	\$ 500 00	\$108 00	\$50 00	\$10 00	\$15 00	\$60 00	\$25 00	...	...
Fourth Street.....	35	212	...	...	41	12	1	9,500	1	2,000	1	27	325	15 00	12 50	12 50	25 00	1 50	5 00	1 25	1 10	5 00	1 00	\$ 1 15
North Street.....	16	140	1	1	...	...	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	21	197	50 00	38 68	32 10	70 78	20 00	6 00	...	...	...	...	...
Thompson Ch.....	18	203	4	1	16	7	1	18,000	...	...	1	27	218	5 00	...	18 00	18 00	8 80	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	...
Zane Street.....	30	221	1	3	28	11	1	7,000	1	2,200	1	35	350	28 00	35 56	47 94	83 55	5 00	6 00	1 50	1 50	6 00	2 00	...
Chapline Street.....	6	100	...	...	19	1	1	8,000	...	...	1	27	207	1 00	...	5 50	5 50	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...
Wesley Church.....	12	70	...	...	6	30	2	4,000	...	...	1	12	60	4 25	12 50	...	12 50	...	1 00	50	...	25	50	...
Fulton.....	463	4	2	6	2	7	6,000	1	1,000	7	60	425	10 00	18 00	...	18 00	32 50	7 50	1 00	1 00	50	50	2 00	...
Marshall.....	28	100	...	...	6	...	1	4,500	...	...	1	15	115	...	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Benwood.....	20	250	1	...	...	1	3,500	1	3 500	1	24	160	4 50	13 00	3 00	16 00	11 50	...	50	...	...	...	...	...
Moundsville.....	13	187	2	...	1	6	4	4,200	...	...	7	68	200	2 50	4 00	...	4 00	...	1 00	...	...	50	...	...
New Martinsville.....	1	200	3	1	...	...	7	3,000	1	300	3	125	536	...	5 00	13 00	2 00	15 00	...	2 00	2 25	1 00	2 00	1 00
Greene.....	6	227	2	...	...	...	2	37,000	1	1,600	2	...	...	...	13 00	2 00	15 00	...	2 00	2 25	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
Cameron.....	375	3	...	...	20	8	11,000	...	...	9	95	535	...	30 50	5 00	35 50	...	2 00	1 25	1 24	1 00	...	...	...
Grave Creek.....	3	356	1	2	7	13	3,000	1	1,200	3	50	256	12 28	12 84	5 66	18 50	...	1 50	1 51	1 51	1 00	1 00	1 00	...
Dallas.....	9	165	...	1	12	20	2	13,000	1	400	2	13	120	22 50	36 00	...	36 00	...	5 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	...
Short Creek & Liberty.....	30	135	...	...	4	18	1	5,000	1	3,000	1	13	110	11 00	12 00	3 00	15 00	...	2 50	...	...	1 00	...	...
Triadelphia.....	242	3704	18	17	149	141	44	\$191,400	11	\$21,700	54	667	4282	\$291 53	\$338 58	\$584 70	\$873 28	\$167 30	\$91 50	\$21 76	\$25 35	\$83 65	\$34 00	\$ 4 15

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1877.

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MINUTES OF WEST V. A. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sabb Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y.	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Clarksburg District.....	10	169	3	1	.....	6	1	\$ 11,000	.....	.....	1	18	140	\$ 8 50	\$ 15 15	\$ 1 50	\$ 16 65	.....	\$ 85	70	\$ 1 00	.....	30	\$ 25	\$ 1 00
" Station.....	22	440	4	2	.....	26	8	7,500	1	\$ 600	6	46	240	5 35	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Milford.....	10	314	1	3	10	32	7	5,000	.....	.....	5	41	189	3 90	6 11	89	7 00	.....	1 00	25	40	.....	23	70	.....
Wilsonburg.....	4	285	2	1	.....	4	6	3,500	1	450	4	36	200	.....	1 39	.....	1 39	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Camp.....	.....	272	.....	1	1	.....	4	2,000	1	350	4	30	170	4 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....
Smithton.....	4	350	4	1	6	17	5	3,000	.....	.....	4	24	200	1 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	1 97	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Lumberport.....	24	281	4	2	.....	7	3	6,300	1	1,350	4	21	130	5 50	10 90	.....	10 90	.....	1 25	15	30	2 15	20	.....	.....
Pruntytown.....	22	122	1	4	4	9	3	4,800	.....	.....	2	12	80	2 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeport.....	4	108	2	1	3	.....	6	6,000	1	1,500	1	17	105	6 30	11 32	9 11	20 43	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont.....	6	300	2	.....	10	18	6	3,000	1	200	6	50	300	7 00	25 00	6 00	31 00	.....	2 57	.....	1 50	2 10	.....	.....	.....
Marion.....	9	370	6	2	7	8	10	7,400	1	1,790	6	69	226	6 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mannington.....	8	281	4	3	.....	13	3	1,100	.....	.....	7	46	236	6 00	7 35	.....	7 35	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Pine Grove.....	8	218	2	1	.....	3	4	2,700	.....	.....	3	25	160	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Blacksville.....	2	344	2	.....	3	23	7	6,000	1	400	8	40	450	14 00	6 25	4 25	10 50	.....	1 25	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	.....
Jollytown.....	10	136	5	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	34	150	1 50	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Littleton.....	143	3990	42	23	44	168	72	\$69,300	8	\$6,640	66	500	2970	\$62 05	\$145 97	\$ 21 75	\$167 72	\$15 00	\$15 39	\$2 10	\$4 20	\$12 10	\$2 15	\$ 2 00	.....
Buckhannon District...	.....	200	1	3	.....	21	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 700	3	25	175	\$ 3 00	\$ 8 00	.....	\$ 8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....
" Station.....	.....	375	4	.....	.....	7	7	7,000	.....	.....	7	60	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit.....	5	460	6	3	.....	34	8	4,500	1	800	9	55	325	2 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	19	350	5	2	.....	15	9	3,000	.....	.....	5	20	200	75	4 50	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upshur.....	.....	302	5	2	3	7	5	2,000	.....	.....	2	12	56	80	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 35	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Beverly.....	84	255	4	1	15	16	5	2,900	.....	.....	7	38	175	3 00	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....
Sutton.....	7	80	.....	1	5	1	1	200	.....	.....	3	20	75	3 00	3 25	\$ 1 75	5 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster.....	38	603	5	6	3	13	6	4,500	1	450	8	45	250	8 00	27 85	.....	27 85	.....	1 00	50	50	1 00	50	50	50
Frenchton.....	12	265	2	1	.....	13	8	1,000	.....	.....	7	35	200	.....	50	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canaan.....	8	150	1	.....	6	3	3	6,000	1	3,000	3	18	150	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	75	25	30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	.....	380	4	.....	.....	8	5	5,000	.....	.....	6	43	289	3 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville.....	11	47	.....	.....	.....	3	1	150	.....	.....	6	40	171	1 00	9 00	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Randolph Mission.....	20	328	5	2	.....	5	6	4,200	.....	.....	6	35	150	5 43	22 00	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	63	1 18	.....	.....	.....
Freemansburgh.....	204	3795	38	21	32	139	67	\$42,950	4	\$4,950	72	446	2566	\$ 32 48	\$106 60	\$ 5 75	\$112 35		\$6 60	75	\$ 1 43	\$ 6 93	\$1 10	50	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sabb.Schools			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probationers	Full Members.	L.Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Socy.	Education.	American Bible Society.
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.							
Parkersburg District.....	2	255	2	2			1	\$35,000	1	\$7,000	1	29	200	\$30 00	\$146 41	\$18 59	\$165 00	\$12 50	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$2 00	\$10 00
" Station.....	1	346	2	1	.....	5	7	5,000	1	200	7	61	287	4 00	2 44	3 56	6 00	1 05	40	53	1 00	38	.....	
" Circuit.....	1	88	.....	.....	2	3	1	2,500	.....	.....	1	9	50	1 28	2 00	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Williamstown.....	26	300	3	.....	2	5	5	4,400	1	800	4	55	196	2 15	2 75	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mt. Pleasant.....	.....	133	.....	.....	2	1	1	1,800	1	700	1	12	100	7 50	6 00	5 00	11 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	
Volcano.....	21	317	2	1	3	8	3	2,000	.....	.....	8	50	450	5 00	5 00	3 25	8 25	2 00	45	50	50	35	50	
Bellville.....	22	316	4	4	1	4	2	2,600	1	700	5	48	280	3 50	28 70	.....	28 70	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	
Ravenswood.....	15	407	1	2	4	2	6	5,200	1	1,200	5	56	256	6 00	20 00	7 25	27 25	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 75	2 00	50	
Harrisville.....	29	101	1	5	7	2	3	3,100	2	1,000	7	63	231	1 70	10 00	.....	10 00	1 15	1 05	.....	2 00	.....	.....	
Elizabeth.....	46	423	1	3	7	27	5	3,300	.....	.....	7	77	345	10 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	
Ellenboro.....	3	113	3	1	1	1	2	1,750	.....	.....	2	17	87	3 00	7 00	.....	7 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	
West Union.....	4	224	4	1	4	3	5	4,500	1	200	5	51	229	5 00	8 50	.....	8 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sistersville.....	.....	348	3	.....	.....	4	4	2,400	1	500	6	30	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Middlebourne.....	40	420	3	5	.....	4	4	800	1	250	6	40	350	.....	7 50	.....	7 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Centreville.....	15	116	1	.....	.....	2	2	800	.....	.....	2	9	50	3 60	9 25	.....	9 25	95	35	60	1 50	20	65	
St. Mary's.....	16	66	1	.....	12	1	1	1,700	.....	.....	3	26	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Petroleum.....	241	4382	28	26	44	78	52	\$76,650	11	\$12,550	70	633	4491	\$82 73	\$257 55	\$41 65	\$299 20	\$14 50	\$17 65	\$8 25	\$8 38	\$14 00	\$3 43	\$11 15
Charleston District.....	15	175	1	.....	5	2	1	\$15,000	.....	.....	1	12	100	\$5 25	\$20 00	.....	\$20 00	\$6 00	\$8 5	\$1 15	\$1 00	.....	.....	
" Station.....	40	160	1	.....	2	2	2	2,000	.....	.....	3	15	95	3 23	5 42	22	5 64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" Circuit.....	55	260	2	4	7	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	\$5 00	5 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
East Charleston.....	20	440	2	2	5	2	6	4,200	1	\$300	9	60	240	2 00	5 00	1 50	6 50	1 25	25	25	1 50	\$1 00	\$50	
Nicholas.....	5	210	6	.....	.....	2	2	700	1	400	2	16	90	.....	1 60	.....	1 60	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mountain Cove.....	27	147	1	1	.....	3	1	3,000	1	1,000	3	9	125	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Malden.....	60	273	5	.....	.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	1	4	20	2 00	4 00	.....	4 00	50	.....	25	25	.....	.....	
Elk River.....	79	133	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	35	.....	5 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mill Creek.....	22	190	.....	.....	3	.....	3	5,500	1	1,500	3	41	217	1 00	10 25	2 50	12 75	1 00	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Point Pleasant.....	45	235	3	.....	3	20	4	2,800	.....	.....	6	35	250	2 00	7 00	.....	7 00	2 00	50	50	50	50	50	
Leon.....	7	116	2	.....	1	1	1	5,000	1	1,200	1	12	140	7 50	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Clifton.....	7	238	1	3	5	3	3	3,500	.....	.....	3	40	325	3 00	2 14	6 66	8 80	1 00	1 32	1 00	40	30	.....	
Hartford City.....	51	115	2	.....	5	6	1	2,000	.....	.....	1	19	230	4 00	5 31	4 69	10 00	1 50	75	.....	50	.....	.....	
Mason City.....	69	425	4	2	1	7	5	5,000	1	600	6	72	250	1 63	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Spencer.....	50	209	7	1	6	4	1	300	.....	.....	1	8	40	1 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Bell Creek.....	51	284	4	2	1	12	8	3,000	.....	.....	7	62	240	2 10	20 00	.....	20 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Smithville.....	24	166	.....	.....	1	1	1	400	.....	.....	4	32	100	45	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Arnoldsburgh.....	12	35	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Clay Mission.....	19	102	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	
Ripley.....	13	32	1	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	49	.....	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	
Mt. Pleasant.....	661	3945	43	21	39	86	40	\$52,500	6	\$5,000	54	461	2546	\$37 66	\$102 22	\$25 57	\$128 79		\$18 25	\$3 25	\$3 15	\$4 97	\$1 80	\$50

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab.Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probati'ns	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sc'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Guyandotte District.....	6	114	1	...	...	1	1	\$3,500	...	...	1	21	100	\$1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Huntington.....	1	68	1	...	3	1	1	3,000	...	...	1	22	175	2 50	\$5 81	\$4 19	\$10 00	...	\$2 50	\$0 50	\$1 00	\$2 25	\$1 00	...	...
Barboursville.....	46	128	1	4	4	2	2	3,500	5	5	5	35	200	2 50	9 00	1 00	10 00	...	1 00	...	...	1 00	...	...	...
Wayne.....	36	262	4	2	5	2	2	2,000	5	25	1	25	175	2 10	1 00	2 00	3 00	\$2 07	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...
Ceredo.....	7	77	1	1	3	...	1	1,500	...	...	2	7	100	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	...	1 00	30	...	1 00	...	...	
Monticello.....	...	160	2	...	...	4	4	100	...	...	5	45	135	2 00	5 00	9 10	14 10	...	1 00	...	...	1 00	...	...	
Winfield.....	105	280	2	4	...	1	4	1,200	...	...	9	54	420	2 50	2 50	11 00	13 50	...	75	35	25	50	50	...	
Hamlin.....	65	127	6	2	11	15	2	500	1	\$300	2	16	75	2 00	8 00	...	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Coal River.....	67	115	2	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	3	30	115	1 00	3 00	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
St. Albans & Milton.....	74	32	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Boone.....	66	251	4	1	25	...	...	1	200	...	1	6	25	2 50	4 30	70	5 00	...	1 00	...	...	1 00	...	...	
Fayette.....	23	153	5	1	6	11	2	600	...	...	3	21	123	4 00	6 50	...	6 50	...	1 00	75	1 50	1 00	50	...	
Mercer.....	21	215	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 00	2 00	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Raleigh & Summers.....	49	366	7	...	3	...	...	1	400	...	4	28	89	1 10	4 00	...	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Coalburgh.....	18	88	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	28	125	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	
Cassville.....	10	144	2	2	...	1	...	300	...	...	2	15	62	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Logan.....	35	130	2	...	6	10	...	...	...	...	1	4	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	629	2710	43	19	71	53	20	\$16,200	3	\$900	48	360	1941	\$22 20	\$54 11	\$28 99	\$83 10	\$2 07	\$8 25	\$1 90	\$3 90	\$9 75	\$2 00	...	...

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				Baptins		Church Property.			Sab. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.																	
	Probati'ns	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's For Miss. Society.	For Board of Church Extension	For Tract Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Freed- man's Aid Society.	For Education.	Bible.						
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THURSDAY MORNING,

PARKERSBURG, October 10th, 1878.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Thirty-Second session in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Parkersburg, Thursday, October 10, 1878, at 9 A. M., with Bishop WILLIAM L. HARRIS, D. D., presiding.

The opening service was conducted by the Bishop. Scripture lessons consisting of the 22nd chapter of Luke, and the 11th chapter of First Corinthians were read, and the 834th hymn was sung. The elements for the sacramental service were consecrated by the Bishop, and distributed by the Presiding Elders. An interesting and impressive sacramental service was enjoyed, a great number of ministers and laymen participating.

The roll of the Conference was called by J. L. Clark, Secretary of the last Conference, and 102 members responded to their names.

On the ballot for Secretary, George C. Wilding was elected.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to appoint his assistants. The following appointments were made: *Assistant Secretaries*, C. E. Manchester and W. G. Riheldaffer; *Statistical Secretaries*, S. B. D. Prickitt and J. Engle; *Railroad Secretary*, J. B. Feather.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Public Worship.—C. E. MANCHESTER, J. L. CLARK.

Board of Stewards—Ministerial.—F. G. W. FORD, D. H. K. DIX, W. E. LOOMIS, S. E. JONES, W. H. SHAW, F. A. TRIPPETT and W. D. CARRICO.

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On Necessitous Cases.—The BOARD OF STEWARDS.

On Missions.—The PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Education.—A. R. REILEY, W. R. WHITE, J. W. REGER, C. E. MANCHESTER, E. W. RYAN, G. C. SHAFFER and J. R. THOMPSON.

On Sunday Schools.—J. J. DOLLIVER, C. WARMAN, C. H. LAKIN, E. D. W. KING, J. LEE, B. ISON and W. G. RIHELDAFFER.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts.—F. M. HUGHES, M. W. RIDER, L. L. STEWART, C. CRAWFORD, N. L. BAUMGARDNER, A. C. GEORGE and C. H. CONWAY.

On Tract Cause.—H. H. WESTWOOD, J. W. GRIFFITTS, G. H. WILLIAMS, J. E. WASSON, G. E. HITE, R. S. WELSH and R. WEESE.

On Bible Cause.—F. H. J. KING, W. A. CHEUVRONT, S. KING, W. E. RIPLEY, J. F. SNODGRASS, E. S. WILSON and W. H. YOUNG.

On Temperance.—W. WRISTEN, L. H. JORDAN, M. McNEEL, W. W. KELLEY, W. E. LOVETT, J. A. FULLERTON and N. C. BECKLEY.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts.—S. STEELE, J. M. WARDEN, C. S. ALLEMONG, A. MICK, T. COTTON, H. SCOTT, B. D. MAHONE.

On Church Extension.—The PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Observance of the Sabbath.—W. F. Cannan, T. H. Trainer, G. Rogers, J. F. Chenoweth, L. D. King, S. C. Loomis and J. B. Feather.

On Publication of the Minutes.—C. J. Trippett, C. Poling, J. W. Lambert, A. L. Curtis, J. C. Sidebottom, N. B. Johnson and T. R. Faulkner.

On Freedmans Aid Society.—The PRESIDING ELDERS.

On Post Offices.—E. C. Woodruff.

On Statistics.—The Secretaries.

Conference Treasurer.—R. M. Wallace.

Committee to Examine District Conference Journals.—H. J. Boatman, L. D. King, J. W. Bedford, S. Lowther, H. C. Sanford, J. H. Hess, J. Conwell.

Committee to Prepare a list of Standing Committees for next Year.—The Presiding Elders.

Committee on Conference Relations.--L. H. Jordan, E. S. Wilson, F. H. J. King, M. McNeel, D. H. K. Dix, R. M. Wallace, N. L. Bumgardner.

Bishop Harris decided a question in regard to the item of ministerial support, in statistics, as including Bishop's, Presiding Elders' and Pastors' claims and receipts, also rent or rental value of parsonage.

A resolution was adopted to not include the collection for Conference claimants in the item of ministerial support.

Rev. A. Wheeler, D. D., of the Pittsburgh *Advocate*, Dr. J. Horner, of the Pittsburg Book Depository, M. P. Gaddis, of the Cincinnati Conference, Dr. F. S. De Hass, of New York Conference, Dr. G. W. Clark, of East Ohio Conference, Dr. Young, of First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Z. Warner, of United Brethren Church, W. R. Long, of the American Bible Society, Rev. J. W. Carter, of the Baptist Church, Rev. E. Orgain, of the M. E. Church, South, Rev. W. Weekley, Presiding Elder of the United Brethren Church; Rev. Orwen, of the Wyoming Conference; Rev. Harris, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Young, of the African M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The New York Book Accounts were referred to Rev. J. Horner for collection.

Rev. M. P. Gaddis addressed the Conference in regard to his books.

Various papers presented by the Bishop, were referred to the proper committees.

A Resolution, laid over from last year, in reference to the reduction of the Presiding Elder Districts from seven to five, was taken up for consideration. A substitute was offered to increase from seven to eight; after a lengthy debate the whole matter was laid on the table.

On motion, the Conference Treasurer was instructed to report as soon as possible, in detail, the receipts for the support of Bishops.

A resolution in regard to Presiding Elders attending all their quarterly meetings, was tabled.

The Bishop gave notice that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$30,00, and on motion the draft was ordered.

Committees were called in order to fix time and place of meeting.

Dr. Hurst, of the Drew Theological Seminary was introduced.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference dismissed with the benediction by the Rev. A. Wheeler, D. D.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, October 11th, 1878.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by D. H. K. Dix.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Dr. Hoyt, Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion, J. L. Clark, was instructed to re-invest \$100,00 of the money reported as received by the committee from W. M. Mullenix—and also to take charge of the remainder of the fund.

J. L. Clark, custodian of the Centenary fund, reported interest in his hands, which was ordered to be paid to the Board of Stewards.

A telegram of kindly greeting from ex-members of the West Virginia Conference, Arnold, Wayman, White, Wilson, Boggess, and Martin, was read.

The custodian of the Pumphrey fund reported, and the interest in his hands was ordered to be paid to the Board of Stewards.

The committee appointed last year to secure a permanent fund for Superannuated Preachers, was re-appointed as follows: B. Ison, D. H. K. Dix, G. Martin, E. S. Wilson, J. A. Fullerton, E. W. Ryan, B. Darlington, S. L. Allen, S. Thompson, and H. C. McWhorter.

A paper presented by S. Steele, was referred to the committee to secure a permanent fund for Superannuated Preachers.

The Committee on the Ward Bequest reported. Dr. A. J. Lyda was appointed to secure, if possible, the funds still outstanding on this bequest.

A resolution in reference to the missionary work of this Conference, was read and adopted.

The correspondence with Brothers J. N. Eckess and E. L. Nicholson, was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

The 10th question of the General Minutes, "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*"—was taken up.

The character of J. W. W. Bolton, Presiding Elder of Morgantown District, was passed, and he represented his work—after which, the character of the following effective Elders was passed, each reporting his Missionary and Conference claimant collections:

S. Steele, S. Lowther, N. B. Johnson, J. E. Wasson, D. Cool, F. G. W. Ford, W. Prettyman, J. G. Weaver, B. Ison, J. S.

Laughlin, S. King, W. M. West, J. W. Hess, L. H. Jordan, W. J. Sharpes, N. L. Baumgardner, J. R. Thompson.

The relation of C. Conner, was changed from effective to superannuated.

Joseph Lee was appointed to assist the agent of the Western Book Concern in collecting accounts.

A resolution in regard to Drew Theological Seminary was read, and after stirring addresses from President Hurst and Dr. A. C. George, was adopted.

On motion, it was decided to take a subscription for the endowment of the Bishop Janes' Memorial Professorship in Drew Theological Seminary, which amounted to one thousand and forty-two dollars.

Rev. Gortner, Presiding Elder of the Marietta District of the Ohio Conference, Dr. O. N. Hartshorn, of Mt. Union College, Dr. Walden, of the Western Book Concern, and Rev. Mathews, of Ohio Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The Annual Report of Alleghany College, and other papers, were referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion, the time was extended.

Dr. J. M. Walden, of the Western Book Concern, addressed the Conference—urging loyalty to our church publications, putting them into our homes, churches, and Sunday schools.

Dr. Hoyt brought before the Conference the claims of the *Western Christian Advocate*.

J. A. Fullerton was appointed to report Conference proceedings for the same.

The case of L. D. Casto, who comes up for a new trial by order of the "Triers of Appeals," on motion, was referred to a select number (11), (to be appointed by the Bishop), to try the case.

Committees were called and announcements made.

On motion, adjourned.

After singing the doxology, the Conference was dismissed with the benediction by Dr. F. S. Hoyt.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, October 12, 1878.

Conference opened promptly at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair.

The religious services were conducted by the Rev. E. W. Ryan.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The following committee was nominated by the Bishop, and

approved by the Conference, for the trial of L. D. Casto, whose case was remanded to the Conference by the "Triers of Appeals:"

W. D. Carrico, W. C. Snodgrass, J. F. Chenoweth, L. L. Stewart, T. H. Trainer, J. E. Wasson, R. S. Welsh, W. W. Kelley, J. F. Snodgrass, J. B. Feather, W. H. Young.

J. W. Reger and E. S. Wilson were appointed to represent the Church in the trial.

L. D. Casto gave notice that he had selected E. W. Ryan, D. H. K. Dix and J. R. Thompson as his attorneys.

S. Steele was appointed President of the Court.

Dr. J. Horner addressed the Conference briefly.

The Rev. W. A. Abernathy, of the Ohio Conference, and Rev. J. E. Bailey, of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced to the Conference.

F. M. Hughes reported \$3.00 for Conference claimants, and \$3.00 for Missionary Fund, received from the Ward Bequest, which was ordered to be paid over to the Conference Treasurer.

The 3rd question—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up, and L. D. Heatherly and G. R. Copeland, were continued; U. Pribble was continued, and on motion excused from the course of study, he having previously passed on the entire course prescribed by the Church at that time; C. F. Johnson was continued, with the understanding that he go before the committee of Examination next year; A. L. Curtiss was discontinued at his own request to attend school; W. B. Trevey was also discontinued at his own request.

The 4th question—"Who are admitted into full connection?"—was asked and C. J. Price, D. S. Hammond, A. C. Law, J. E. Mercer, C. Poling, D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert and I. C. Paugh were called forward, asked the usual questions, addressed by the Bishop, admitted and elected to Deacon's orders. J. Engle, B. D. Mahone and C. W. Upton were admitted, being in Deacon's orders. J. P. Varner was continued on trial, having failed to appear before the committee of Examination. R. R. Little was, on motion, discontinued.

The report of the committee on Periodicals was read and adopted.

Dr. A. Wheeler addressed the Conference in behalf of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*.

On motion, the time was extended.

The 7th question—"Who have been elected and ordained Elder's this year?"—was taken up, and J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford, C. Warman, G. W. Parriott were examined, passed

and elected to Elder's orders. A. D. Perry was continued in the second class of Deacons.

J. T. Eichelberger who was elected to Elder's orders in 1876, was recommended for ordination.

The 21st question—"Have any local preachers been ordained?"—was asked, and Joshua B. Conaway, recommended from Clarksburgh District; Levi S. Kittle, recommended from Buckhannon District; Alderson Workman, recommended from Guyandotte District, having passed a satisfactory examination, were elected to Deacon's orders.

On motion, adjourned.

The doxology was sung; benediction by J. F. Snodgrass.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 14, 1878.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop Harris in the chair.

A. Hall conducted devotional exercises.

The journal of the third day's session was read and approved.

The following certificate was read by the Secretary, viz:

"This is to certify, that in the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., on the 13th day of October, 1878, the following persons were ordained by me, to the order of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely:

Charles J. Price, David S. Hammond, Alcinus C. Law, James E. Mercer, Cyrus Poling, David M. Heaston, James W. Lambert, Isaiah C. Paugh, Joshua B. Conaway, Levi S. Kittle, Alderson Workman.

And in the same city, on the same day, several Elders assisting in the service, the following persons, were, by me, ordained to the order of Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, viz:

John H. Hess, Joseph W. Bedford, Clark Crawford, Clemmer Warman, George W. Parriott, Jacob T. Eichelberger.

Given under my hand at Parkersburg, West Virginia, this 14th day of October, 1878.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

Dr. George presented a resolution in reference to extending our Conference boundary lines, which was unanimously adopted.

Certain papers on the "sanctity of the Sabbath;" were referred to the appropriate Committee.

On motion, the 23rd question was made the special order for 11 o'clock.

Dr. Lyda made his report, as custodian of the Pumphrey Bequest. Report adopted.

Brother Prickitt reported in reference to the Jones' estate.

Dr. Prettyman reported that arrangements had been made for the return of members of the Conference, to their homes, from over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The 6th question of the General Minutes, "*Who are Deacons of the Second Class?*" was taken up, and the names of S. Cummings, R. Shackelford, H. Scott, and C. S. Harrison, were called.

The Committee of Examination reported, and, on motion, their characters were passed, and they were advanced to Deacons of the second class, with the exception of H. Scott, who, not having been before the Committee, was continued in the first class.

The 10th question, "*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*"—was resumed and Wheeling District was called.

The character of W. C. Wilson, Presiding Elder, was passed, after which he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed:

A. C. George, S. B. D. Prickitt, W. E. Rippey, H. C. Sanford, J. M. Warden, A. Hall, M. McNeel, D. H. K. Dix, George C. Wilding, W. C. Snodgrass, G. E. Hite, W. G. Riheldaffer, T. R. Faulkner, W. F. Cannan, J. P. Thatcher, F. W. Wood.

A. R. Reiley was granted a location at his own request, and the case of W. H. Morton was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Clarksburg District was called. The character of G. Martin, Presiding Elder, was passed, after which he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective Elders, were passed:

W. E. Loomis, R. S. Welsh, J. F. Snodgrass, W. R. White, T. H. Trainer, C. H. Conway, W. W. Kelley, J. C. Rexroad, C. S. Allemong, J. J. Dolliver, C. J. Trippett, J. G. Blair.

Buckhannon District was called. The character of T. B. Hughes, Presiding Elder, was passed, and his District represented.

The characters of the following effective Elders, were passed:

E. S. Wilson, W. E. Lovett, John Conwell, S. E. Jones, F. M. Hughes, A. Mick, R. Weese, G. Rogers.

Parkersburg District was called. The character of J. L. Clark, Presiding Elder, was passed, after which, he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective Elders, were passed:

C. E. Manchester, M. W. Rider, J. A. Fullerton, H. H. Westwood, R. M. Wallace, J. T. Carroll, J. F. Chenoweth, T. Cotton, E. C. Woodruff, W. H. Young, C. H. Lakin, H. J. Boatman.

Charleston District was called. The character of S. E. Steele, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he represented his District.

The characters of the following effective Elders, were passed:

E. W. Ryan, B. Hagar, G. Crossfield, L. L. Stewart, J. W. Griffiths, E. D. W. King, A. T. Morriston, F. H. J. King, L. D. King, F. A. Trippett, N. C. Beckley, T. P. Ryan, J. T. Davis.

Guyandotte District was called. The character of J. W. Webb, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he represented his District.

The characters of the following efficient Elders, were passed:

Joseph Lee, G. H. Williams, W. A. Chevront, W. D. Carrico, G. C. Schaeffer, B. Darlington, S. C. Loomis, W. Wristen.

W. Prettyman was added to the corps of Secretaries, as an additional railroad Secretary.

The 23rd question, being the special order, was taken up, and Morgantown was unanimously selected as the place in which to hold the next annual session.

On motion, the supernumerary and superannuated members were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to publish in the Minutes a double column of statistics, showing the claim on each charge for the support of Bishops, and the amounts received.

Brother Williams, Principal of the Wesleyan Female College, Wilmington, Delaware, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the College.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, reported. Adopted.

The Committee to Audit the accounts of Presiding Elders, the Committee on Temperance, and the Committee on District Conference Journals, reported, and their reports were adopted.

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means to provide a fund for Superannuated Preachers and Widows, reported.

On motion, the report was recommitted.

On motion, the Secretary of the Conference was appointed the Trustee of the Conference, to receive monies or notes, accruing to the Conference from the Ward Bequest.

Dr. C. H. Payne was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The 8th question, "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"—was taken up. Committee reported, and E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, S. Hitchens, T. W. Chidester, and R. L. Woodyard, were continued in their present relations. J. T. Eichelberger, was made effective.

The 9th question, "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*"—was taken up. Characters passed and Committee reported.

A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, J. B. Pinchen, J. W. Eckess, R. Brooks, J. W. Reger, and R. Northcraft, were continued in their present relations, and J. C. Sidebottom was placed in an effective relation.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time. Notices were given, the doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. C. H. Payne.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, October 15th, 1878.

Conference met promptly at 9 A. M., the Bishop in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. C. H. Lakin. The Journal of the Fourth Day was read and approved.

Rev. S. Steele, as Secretary of the District Conference, presented an appeal from the following decision of the Presiding Elder of the Morgantown District:

"The Chair decides, that according to section 4 of paragraph 89 of the Discipline, the license of a local preacher cannot be renewed by a District Conference, unless he first pass an examination in the course of study prescribed by the Bishop,"

J. W. W. BOLTON.

The Bishop sustained the decision of Presiding Elder Bolton. The Committees on Examination for next year, were presented

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

J. Lee,	T. R. Faulkner,	C. Warman,
<i>First Year</i> —S. B. D. Prickitt, J. F. Chenoweth, A. Mick.		
<i>Second Year</i> —C. H. Conway, F. A. Trippett, C. S. Allemong.		
<i>Third Year</i> —W. J. Sharpes, W. Prettyman, W. H. Shaw.		
<i>Fourth Year</i> —A. Hall, J. A. Fullerton, S. E. Jones.		

ON LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACONS' ORDERS.

M. W. Rider,	M. McNeel,	J. G. Weaver.
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ON LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDERS' ORDERS.

W. E. Lovett,	A. T. Morriston,	W. F. Cannan.
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TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

D. H. K. Dix,	<i>Alternate</i> —S. C. Loomis.
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BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

W. C. Wilson, *President*.C. D. Hubbard, *Vice President*.Geo. C. Wilding, *Corresponding Secretary*.John Bailie, *Recording Secretary*.James Reed, *Treasurer*.*Additional Members :*

W. R. White, S. Steele, W. G. Riheldaffer, H. K. List, T. H. Logan, D. H. K. Dix, G. C. Schaffer.

The Conference confirmed the Church Extension Board, as named above.

S. B. D. Prickett was appointed to preach the Conference sermon. J. A. Fullerton, alternate.

The Triers of Appeals were, by instruction of the Conference, appointed by the Chair, as follows :

B. Ison, E. S. Wilson, T. H. Trainer, F. M. Hughes, J. A. Fullerton, E. D. W. King, G. C. Schaffer.

The Committee on Missions reported, and the report was adopted.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the apportionments for the Missionary, Episcopal and Freedman's Aid Society collections, and the report was adopted.

The name of W. H. Morton, passed over under the 10th question, was called; the Committee to whom the case was referred, reported.

On motion, he was granted a "Certificate of Location."

The Statistical Secretary reported; the aggregates by Districts was read, and the report was adopted.

Rev. Burns, Presiding Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. Lambert of same Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. L. D. Casto, for a New Trial, reported, as follows ;

"The Committee to whom was referred the case of L. D. Casto, a member of this Conference, charged with immortality, report that, after hearing the charge and specifications, the evidence and the pleadings, find the specifications sustained, and the charge of Immortality sustained. Whereupon, L. D. Casto, was expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church."

SAMUEL STEELE, President.

W. G. RHIELDAFLER, Secretary.

On motion, S. Steele was added to the Committee to secure a "Permanent Conference Fund."

A resolution, by Dr. A. C. George and others, in reference to a Conference Seminary, was read, and its adoption moved. ■■■■■

An amendment to lay on the table, and make it the order of the day for 11 o'clock, was carried.

The 2nd question—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up, and David L. Ash, of the Clarksburg District, Erastus G. Harbert, of the Clarksburg District, and Robert M. Hughes, of the Charleston District, being duly recommended, and having passed a satisfactory examination in the course prescribed, and being represented by their Presiding Elders, were admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

The 1st question—"Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?"

The certificate of location of E. H. Orwen, granted by the Oaneida Conference, in 1873, was read, and also recommendations from various persons in the Church. He was, on motion, re-admitted to the traveling connection, to be entered on the roll as an effective Elder.

The Board of Stewards made their report in full, which was adopted.

The Committee on Education, reported, and the report was adopted.

The following Committees were appointed on Supervision, and visitation; for

Mt. Union College—Committee on Supervision—W. C. Wilson, S. Steele, J. W. W. Bolton.

On Visitation—W. R. White, J. W. Reger, E. W. Ryan, C. E. Manchester, A. C. George, J. R. Thompson.

For Allegheny College—Board of Control—A. C. George, D. D., J. W. W. Bolton, Hon. B. F. Martin, Hon. J. H. Logan.

Committee of Visitation—Revs. E. W. Ryan, C. E. Manchester, D. H. K. Dix, and W. C. Brockunier, and Hon. G. W. Atkinson.

The following corps of Editors was appointed for the CONFERENCE DAILY, at the next session:

W. C. Snodgrass, S. C. Loomis, S. E. Jones, L. L. Stewart, J. Lee, and S. Lowther.

The Committee on Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, reported, and the report was adopted.

The Conference ordered an evening session at 7 o'clock.

11 o'clock having arrived, the order of the day, the further discussion of the resolution on Conference Seminary, was taken up, and J. R. Thompson and others addressed the Conference. The time was extended.

The report on Conference Seminary, was adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Doxology sung, benediction pronounced by C. E. Manchester.

FIFTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15th, 1878.

Conference assembled at 7 p. m., with Bishop Harris in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by S. B. D. Prickitt.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The reports of the Sunday School Committee and Tract Committee, were read, and, on motion, adopted.

The Report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, was read, and on motion the report was received and placed on

The Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, was read. Rev. Walter R. Long, Agent of the American Bible Society in West Virginia, addressed the Conference earnestly in the interest of the Society he represents. The report of the Committee, was, on motion, adopted.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Parkersburg, to the Pastors and Trustees of the Churches, to Rev. C. E. Manchester, to Bishop Harris and to Mrs. R. S. and Mrs. A. E. Boreman, were read and adopted by a rising vote.

The Conference Treasurer read his report, summed up by Districts, and, on motion, the report was adopted.

The following persons were nominated by the Bishop and confirmed by the Conference, as a Board of Control, to have charge of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, viz:

Ministers.—Dr. G. Martin, J. L. Clark, D. H. K. Dix, S. B. D. Prickitt. *Laymen.*—Dr. T. H. Logan, Henry Logan, Wm. Wagner, E. J. Stone. *Corresponding Secretary.*—Samuel Steele. *Treasurer.*—H. K. List.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars from the Educational Fund in the hands of Nathan Goff, Sr., be loaned to Rev. M. F. Compton, to aid him at School, preparing for the Ministry.

Whereas, Our beloved Brother, Rev. Asbury R. Reiley, has been Providentially called to sever his connection with us; therefore,

Resolved, That we hold in high esteem, our beloved Brother, and pray that God may bless and prosper him wherever, in the future, his lot may be cast,

Rev. James L. Clark, having served the Conference faithfully in the capacity of Secretary for nine years, was presented by members of the Conference with a valuable set of books. Rev. W. C. Snodgrass represented the Conference, making the presentation in a graceful and beautiful speech. Brother Clark responded in a touching speech of thanks to his brethren for their

token of esteem. The tears that flowed, unbidden, down the cheeks of this war worn veteran, were far more eloquent than even his fittingly appropriate words of reply.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the Secretary's expenses, amounting to \$17.50 and for the sexton, amounting to \$7.59.

Dr. O. N. Hartshorn addressed the Conference in behalf of Mount Union College.

Dr. W. Prettyman was given a vote of thanks for his services as Railroad Secretary.

On motion, it was ordered that the Board of Control of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants, be chartered, so as to constitute it a legal corporation.

Dr. A. C. George conducted the closing religious services of the Conference. Appropriate scripture selections were read, the 816th hymn was sung by the immense audience present, and Dr. George led the congregation to a Throne of Grace in a prayer of wonderful beauty and power.

The Bishop addressed the Conference with great tenderness and feeling. After which, the appointments of the Preachers for the ensuing year, were read.

The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced by the Bishop, and the Thirty second Session of the West Virginia Conference, was closed.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1.—"Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?"

Answer.--E. H. Orwen was re-admitted.

Question 2.--"Who are admitted on trial?"

Answer.--David L. Ash, Erastus G. Harburt and Robert H. Hughes.

Question 3.—"Who remain on trial?"

Answer.--L. D. Heatherly, G. R. Copeland, Ulysses Pribble, and J. Varner.

Question 4.---"Who are admitted into full connection?"

Answer.---C. J. Price, D. S. Hammond, A. C. Law, J. E. Mercer, C. Poling, D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert, J. C. Pugh, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone and C. W. Upton.

Question 5.—"Who are the Deacons of the first class?"

Answer.—C. J. Price, D. S. Hammond, A. C. Law, J. E. Mercer, C. Poling, D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert, I. C. Paugh, H. Scott, C. W. Upton, J. Engle and B. D. Mahone.

Question 6.—"Who are the Deacons of the second class?"

Answer.—S. Cummings, C. R. Shackelford and C. S. Harrison.

Question 7.—"Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?"

Answer.—J. H. Hess, J. W. Bedford, C. Crawford, C. Warman, G. W. Parriott and J. T. Eichelberger.

Question 8.—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"

Answer.—E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, A. J. Lyda, V. Sanford, R. L. Woodyard, S. Hitchens and T. W. Chidester.

Question 9.—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"

Answer.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, R. Northcraft, J. B. Pinchen, J. N. Eckess, Robert Brooks, J. W. Reger, C. Conner.

Question 10.—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"

Answer.—This was strictly done, as each name was called in open Conference.

Question 11.—"Have any located?"

Answer.—A. R. Reiley and W. H. Morton.

Question 12.—"Have any withdrawn?"

Answer.—None.

Question 13.—"Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?"

Answer.—None.

Question 14.—"Have any been expelled?"

Answer.—L. D. Casto.

Question 15.—"Have any died?"

Answer.—None.

Question 16.—"What is the Statistical Report?"

Answer.—See Statistical tables.

Question 17.—"What are the claims upon the Conference fund?"

Answer.—See Steward's report.

The estimates of the Committees duly appointed in cases of superannuates and widows, are as follows :

Rev. R. L. Brooks.....	\$200 00
“ F. Guthrie.....	300 00
“ S. D. Jones.....	100 00
“ A. Dixon.....	300 00
“ D. S. Benedum.....	125 00
“ G. W. Matheny.....	60 00
“ R. Northcraft.....	400 00
Widow Hartley.....	300 00
“ Smith.....	100 00
“ Monroe.....	100 00
“ Richmond (estimate not received).....	
“ Blundon “ “ “.....	
“ Burns.....	200 00
“ Irwin.....	150 00
“ Hindman.....	200 00
“ Battelle (estimate not received).....	
Total.....	\$2,535 00
And to provide for necessitous cases among effective preachers, the Board estimate that we ought to have at least.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$3,535 00

Question 18.—What has been received on the foregoing claims and how has it been applied?

Answer.—Received

From Stations and Circuits.....	\$842 89
“ Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Interest on Pumphrey Fund (A. J. Lyda).....	129 49
“ Jones' Bequest (S. B. D. Prickitt).....	41 00
“ Interest on Centenary Fund (J. L. Clark).....	13 20
“ “ “ money in the hands of S. Steele.....	6 50
“ “ “ Ward Bequest (F. M. Hughes).....	3 00
Total.....	\$1066 08

Applied as follows :

Rev. R. L. Brooks.....	\$100 00—Paid to.....	Rev. T. B. Hughes.
“ F. Guthrie.....	50 00—	“ “ J. L. Clark.
“ A. Dixon.....	100 00—	“ “ S. E. Steele.
“ D. S. Benedum.....	40 00—	“ “ R. S. Welch.
“ G. W. Matheny.....	25 00—	“Self.
“ R. Northcraft.....	2000—	“Self.
Widow Hartley.....	75 00—	“Rev. W. C. Wilson.
“ Smith.....	40 00—	“Rev. G. C. Wilding.
“ Monroe.....	25 00—	“ “ F. A. Trippett.

Widow Richmond.....	10 00—	Paid to.....	Rev. W. C. Wilson.
" Blundon.....	40 00—	"	E. T. Moore.
" Battelle	20 00—	"	Rev. G. Martin.
" Burns.....	20 00—	"	" " "
" Irwin	35 00—	"	Self.
" Hindman.....	50 00—	"	Rev. G. Martin.
Rev. C. W. Upton.....	25 00—	"	Self.
" C. Warman.....	10 00—	"	"
" A. T. Morrison.....	15 00—	"	Rev. C. R. Shackelford.
" B. Hagar.....	8 00—	"	Self.
" C. R. Shackelford	15 00—	"	"
" N. C. Beckley	15 00—	"	"
" J. T. Davis.....	20 00—	"	Rev. S. E. Steele.
" J. S. Laughlin.....	35 00—	"	Rev. F. G. W. Ford.
" J. Engle.....	20 00—	"	" J. C. Rexroad.
" J. T. Carroll.....	45 00—	"	Self.
" G. H. Williams.....	25 00—	"	"
" U. Pribble.....	15 00—	"	"
" B. Darlington.....	15 00—	"	Rev. J. W. Webb.
" B. D. Mahone.....	20 00—	"	Self.
" J. W. Bedford.....	10 00—	"	"
" C. F. Johnson.....	15 00—	"	"
" S. C. Loomis.....	30 00—	"	Self.
" W. D. Carrico.....	15 00—	"	Rev. W. C. Wilson.
" J. C. Sidebottom.....	10 00—	"	Self.
" S. Cummings.....	12 00—	"	"
" G. R. Copeland.....	12 00—	"	"
" Thos. Cotton.....	9 00—	"	"
" W. Wristen.....	10 00—	"	"
" L. D. Heatherly... ..	10 00—	"	"
Total.....	\$1,066 00		

Question 19.—"Have any Local Preachers been ordained?"

Answer.—Deacons—Joshua B. Conaway, Levi S. Kittle and Alderson Workman.

Question 20.—"Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?"

Answer.—Allegheny College and Mt. Union College. Both are in a flourishing condition.

Question 21.—"Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?"

Answer.—See Conference officers.

Question 22.—"Where are the preachers stationed?"

MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE, LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

Number.	NAMES OF CHARGES	PREACHERS.	Years in Charge	Number.	NAMES OF CHARGES	PREACHERS.	Years in Charge
1	Morgantown District.	J W W Bolton, P E.	2	69	Sutton.....	C Poling.....	1
2	" Station.	W C Snodgrass.....	1	70	Webster.....	D M Heaston.....	1
3	" Circuit.	S Lowther.....	3	71	Frenchton.....	John Conwell.....	2
4	Smithtown.....	N B Johnson.....	2	72	Canaan.....	R Weese.....	3
5	Monongalia.....	J E Wasson.....	3	73	Weston.....	S E Jones.....	2
6	"	C S Harrison.....	1	74	Glenville.....	A Mick.....	1
7	Brandonville.....	J G Weaver.....	1	75	Randolph.....	To be supplied.....	...
8	Pleasant Hill.....	F G W Ford.....	2	76	Freemansburg.....	C Warman.....	3
9	Grantsville.....	C J Price.....	1	77	Mingo.....	One to be supplied.....	...
10	Kingwood.....	L H Jordan.....	1				
11	Mason town.....	D Cool.....	1	78	Parkersburg District.	J L Clark, P E.....	2
12	Oakland.....	B Ison.....	3	79	" Station	C E Manchester.....	3
13	Deer Park.....	J S Laughlin.....	2	80	" Circuit.	J F Chenoweth.....	3
14	Newburg.....	S King.....	3	81	Williamstown.....	C Crawford.....	1
15	Evansville.....	W M West.....	3	82	Mt. Pleasant.....	L D King.....	1
16	Pleasant Grove.....	J W Hess.....	3	83	Volcano.....	J A Fullerton.....	3
17	Grafton.....	E W Ryan.....	1	84	Bellville.....	E C Woodruff.....	2
18	Knottsville.....	W J Sharpes.....	3	85	Ravenswood.....	W H Shaw.....	3
19	Fetterman.....	A C Law.....	2	86	Harrisville.....	W H Young.....	2
20	Palatine.....	C S Allenong.....	1	87	Elizabeth.....	H H Westwood.....	2
21	St. George.....	J T Eichelberger.....	1	88	Ellenboro.....	W W Kelley.....	1
22	Selbysp't & Johnst'n	N L Baumgardner.....	2	89	West Union.....	J Engle.....	2
23	J. R. Thompson*.....			90	Sistersville.....	R M Wallace.....	2
				91	Middlebourne.....	G Crossfield.....	1
24	Wheeling District.....	W C Wilson, P E.....	3	92	Centreville.....	J W Lambert.....	3
25	" Fourth Street	A C George.....	3	95	Petroleum.....	One to be supplied.....	...
26	" North Street.	S Steele.....	1				
27	" Thomson Ch.	G C Wilding.....	1	94	Charleston District...	S E Steele, P E.....	4
28	" Zane Street.....	G E Hite.....	1	95	" Station	S B D Prickitt.....	1
29	" Chapline St.....	W B White.....	1	96	" Circuit.	T Cotton.....	1
30	" Wesley Ch.....	W F Rippey.....	3	97	East Charleston Cir.	W A Cheuvront.....	1
31	Fulton.....	C J Trippett.....	1	98	Malden.....	H Scott.....	2
32	Marshall.....	H C Sanford.....	2	99	Nicholas.....	A T Morrison.....	1
33	Benwood.....	W G Rhedaffer.....	2	100	Snow Hill.....	To be sup by S Smith	1
34	Moundsville.....	J M Warden.....	3	101	Mountain Cove.....	G R Copeland.....	2
35	New Martinsville.....	W D Carrioco.....	1	102	Hartford City.....	T R Faulkner.....	1
36	Greene.....	G W Parriott.....	3	103	Mason City.....	S Cummings.....	1
37	Cameron.....	A Hall.....	2	104	Clifton.....	W Prettyman.....	1
38	Grave Creek.....	W F Cannan.....	3	105	Point Pleasant.....	N W Griffiths.....	1
39	"	T C Paugh.....	1	106	Letart and Leon.....	C C Beckley.....	1
40	Dallas.....	J P Thatcher.....	1	107	Cross Creek.....	J T Carroll.....	1
41	Sh't Cr'k & Liberty	E S Wilson.....	1	108	Mill Creek.....	C R Shackelford.....	2
42	Triadelphia.....	D H K Dix.....	3	109	Ripley.....	R H Hughes.....	1
43	F. W. Wood†.....			110	Spencer.....	M McNeel.....	1
				111	Smithville.....	E D W King.....	2
44	Clarksburg District...	G Martin, P E.....	2	112	Walton.....	T P Ryan.....	1
45	" Station.....	M W Rider.....	1	113	Pleasant Retreat.....	B D Mahone.....	1
46	West Milford.....	C H Lakin.....	1	114	Elk River.....	J T Davis.....	3
47	Wilsonburg.....	R E Welsh.....	1				
48	"	D S Ash.....	1	115	Guyandotte District.	J W Webb, P E.....	2
49	Cherry Camp.....	J H Hess.....	1	116	" Station.....	J Lee.....	2
50	Smithton.....	J C Rexroad.....	3	117	Huntington.....	G C Schaeffer.....	2
51	Lumberport.....	H J Boatman.....	1	118	Barboursville.....	S C Loomis.....	1
52	Pruntytown.....	J B Feather.....	1	119	Wayne & Ceredo...	G H Williams.....	3
53	Bridgeport.....	J P Varner.....	1	120	"	L D Heatherly.....	1
54	Fairmont.....	L L Stewart.....	1	121	Monticello.....	D S Hammond.....	3
55	Marion.....	J J Dolliver.....	3	122	Winfield.....	U Prible.....	2
56	Mannington.....	T H Trainer.....	2	123	Hamline.....	B Darlington.....	3
57	Logansport.....	C H Conway.....	1	124	Coal River.....	B Hagar.....	1
58	Pine Grove.....	J F Snodgrass.....	1	125	St. Albans & Milton	J W Bedford & one	2
59	Blacksville.....	J E Mercer.....	1	126	"	sup. by T R Whiting	...
60	Jollytown.....	C J Trippett.....	2	127	Boone.....	A D Perry.....	2
61	Littleton.....	E C Harburt.....	1	128	Hinchman's.....	sup. by J A Honaker	...
62	J. G. Blair†.....			129	Fayette.....	F H J King.....	1
				130	Mercer.....	E H Orwen.....	1
63	Buckhannon District.	T B Hughes, P E.....	4	131	Raleigh & Summers	C F Johnson.....	1
64	" Station	W E Loomis.....	1	132	Coalburgh.....	W Wristen.....	1
65	" Circuit	F M Hughes.....	2	133	Wyon'g & M Dow'l	sup by G Glendening	1
66	Phillippi.....	W E Lovett.....	2	134	Cassville.....	J C Sidebottom.....	1
67	Upshur.....	G Rogers.....	1	135	Sandy.....	sup by G W Williams	...
68	Beverly.....	C W Upton.....	1	136	Logan Mission.....	One to be supplied.....	...

*President of West Virginia University; member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

†Professor in Mt. Union College; member of Thomson Church Quarterly Conference.

‡Principal of State Normal School; member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.

Question 23.—"Where and when shall the next Conference be held?"

Answer.—Morgantown. Time not given.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA., October 14, 1878.

The Board would respectfully call attention to the following matters of importance, and earnestly request that the preachers read the minutes, so that they may fully understand how to make their reports, and the urgency of putting them in the box on the first day of Conference.

1. The *claims* on the Conference fund aggregate more than three times the collections, and hence, the Board had not the money to meet the needs in many cases.

2. There is great inequality in the estimates of these claims, as the answer to Question 17 will show. These estimates should be based on the actual needs of the claimants.

3. There is great carelessness on the part of a great many members of the Conference in making reports, and in putting them in the box on the first day of Conference. This delays the work of the Board very greatly.

4. For the sake of uniformity, it is *necessary* that the brethren report as salary, only so much as is claimed and received in addition to house rent, the amount of rent being reported separately; in case there is a parsonage, the rental value thereof should always be given, and a P. placed before the figures to denote the fact.

5. We request the committees appointed to estimate the claims of superannuates and widows on the Conference fund, to state:

First.—The circumstances of the claimants.

Second.—What are the necessities of such claimant?

Third.—Is said claimant dependent in whole or in part on the Conference fund for support, and to what extent?

6. The estimate for the needs of Conference claimants for the ensuing year, is \$2,500; which is apportioned to the several Districts as follows, with the earnest request that the amounts be raised in full:

Morgantown.....	\$550 00
Wheeling.....	700 00
Clarksburg.....	425 00
Buckhannon.....	150 00
Parkersburg.....	375 00
Charleston.....	200 00
Guyandotte.....	100 00

Total.....\$2,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. K. DIX, Chairman,

E. T. MOORE, Secretary.

ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions makes the following report of appropriations:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.		CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	
Pleasant Hill.....	\$ 80	Mountain Cove.....	\$ 60
Deer Park.....	100	Charleston Circuit.....	50
Pleasant Grove.....	50	East Charleston.....	60
Total.....	\$230	Pleasant Retreat.....	40
		Elk River.....	60
		Mill Creek.....	40
		Walton.....	60
		Ripley.....	60
		Spencer.....	1 70
		Cross Creek.....	60
		Clifton.....	75
		*Total.....	\$675
WHEELING DISTRICT.		GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.	
New Martinsville.....	\$150	Guyandotte District.....	\$250
Total.....	\$150	Barboursville.....	100
		Winfield.....	50
		Coal River.....	25
		Mercer.....	50
		Hamline.....	40
		Wayne and Ceredo.....	50
		Milton and St. Albans.....	75
		Fayette.....	125
		Boone.....	50
		Cassville.....	40
		Total.....	\$855
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.			
Littleton.....	50		
Pine Grove.....	100		
Smithton.....	50		
Total.....	\$200		
BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.			
Canaan.....	\$ 75		
Beverly.....	75		
Freemansburgh.....	55		
Glenville.....	75		
Total.....	\$280		
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.			
West Union.....	\$ 50		
Elizabeth.....	50		
Total.....	\$100		

*Note of Explanation.—It will be noticed that this footing of Charleston District is too small by \$60.00. This leaves the Presiding Elder, Brother Steele, *minus* \$60.00, in his missionary appropriations, which his preachers occupying missions will comprehend before the close of the year.

T. C. WILDING, Sec't.

G. MARTIN, Chairman.

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

I concur in the foregoing missions and appropriations.

W. L. HARRIS.

AMOUNT ASSESSED ON DISTRICTS FOR MISSIONS.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 500
Wheeling District.....	1,000
Clarksburg District.....	400
Buckhannon District.....	250
Parkersburg District.....	400
Charleston District.....	250
Guyandotte District.....	150

Total.....\$2,950

J. L. CLARK, Secretary for Presiding Elders.

ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 100
Wheeling "	120
Clarksburg "	65
Buckhannon "	50
Parkersburg "	65
Charleston "	60
Guyandotte "	40

Total.....\$ 500

J. L. CLARK, Secretary for

PRESIDING ELDER.

ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 100
Wheeling "	120
Clarksburg "	65
Buckhannon "	50
Parkersburg "	65
Charleston "	60
Guyandotte "	40

Total.....\$ 500

J. L. CLARK, Secretary for

PRESIDING ELDERS.

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the Discipline of the Church makes it "the duty of each Annual Conference to examine strictly into the state of the domestic missions within its bounds, and to allow none to remain on the list of its missions which, in the judgment of the Conference, is able to support itself;" and,

WHEREAS, usage and convenience justify and favor a reliance on the knowledge and wisdom of the Presiding Elders, in regulating the domestic missionary work; and,

WHEREAS, the amount of subscriptions for the missionary cause is sensibly diminishing in a majority of the Annual Conferences; and,

WHEREAS, there are great and growing demands for the expenditure of missionary money in foreign fields, where the results are likely to be favorable and immediate; and,

WHEREAS, the larger portion of missionary contributions are made with the expectation that they will be expended in the foreign work, or in specially needy sections of our own country; and,

WHEREAS, small appropriations, from year to year, made to charges which are not likely soon, if ever, to become self sup-

porting churches, are calculated to disturb the confidence of our people in the wisdom and integrity of our missionary administration, and so to work great mischief to the cause of missions; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request the Committee on Missions to withhold all appropriations from doubtful and unproductive fields, and to concentrate the amount appropriated on those charges which are important in position, and which are likely to grow speedily into self-supporting Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the presiding Bishop to establish no new appointments which must be assisted by the Missionary Society, except the necessity be great and imperious, and to withhold his concurrence from any appropriation which is not urgently demanded by the inexorable conditions and circumstances of the case.

3. *Resolved*, That we affirm the right and duty of the Annual Conference to inquire strictly into the state of each domestic mission within its bounds, and to strike any one from the list which, in the judgment of said Annual Conference, is able to support itself.

4. *Resolved*, That we will labor diligently to increase the amount of Missionary contributions within the bounds of our Conference, and that our aim shall be, not to obtain large appropriations from the Missionary Treasury, but to accomplish our work with as little help as possible from external sources, and that we will constantly aspire, not for the blessedness of those who receive, but for the higher and nobler blessedness of those who give, devoutly beseeching the great Head of the Church to fill all lands with His praises, and to establish His Kingdom, in power and glory, even unto the ends of the earth.

D. H. K. DIX,
S. B. D. PRICKITT,
L. H. JORDAN,
W. C. SNODGRASS,
C. E. MANCHESTER,
W. E. LOOMIS,
E. W. RYAN,
J. R. THOMPSON
A. C. GEORGE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

EXPENSES.

Conference trunk.....	\$3 00
Envelopes, &c.....	4 55
Postage on Casto's trial.....	48
Postage on Envelopes, &c.....	2 23
Total.....	\$10 26
Collection.....	10 15
Due former Secretary.....	11

ON PUBLICATION OF CONFERENCE MINUTES.

Your Committee on Publication of the Conference Minutes,

would offer the following report, concerning our work of last year:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$88 15
Contributed by the Preachers.....	79 00
Secured from advertisements.....	137 00
Total receipts.....	\$304 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing 1000 copies of Minutes.....	\$120 00
Freight and expressage.....	3 00
Postage and stationery.....	9 00
Issuing 250 circulars to secure advertisements.....	6 75
Total disbursements.....	\$138 75
Balance of cash on hand.....	165 40

GEORGE C. WILDING,
For the Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of moneys collected for the various benevolent objects of the Church, by Districts, as follows :

MISSIONS.

Morgantown District.....	\$376 32
Wheeling District.....	1049 50
Clarksburg District.....	210 28
Buckhannon District.....	129 63
From Selbyport and Johnstown, which failed to reach Conference last year.....	4 00
Parkersburg District.....	406 36
Charleston District.....	146 59
Guyandotte District.....	96 10
Interest on Ward Bequest, from F. M. Hughes.....	3 00
Total.....	\$2,421 78
Less \$5.00 counterfeit.	

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 17 37
Wheeling District.....	151 95
Clarksburg District.....	14 13
Buckhannon District.....	15 20
Parkersburg District.....	13 00
Charleston District.....	15 10
Guyandotte District.....	6 05
Total.....	\$232 80

FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 26 80
Wheeling District.....	143 70
Clarksburg District.....	12 19
Buckhannon District.....	4 71
Parkersburg District.....	10 80
Charleston District.....	4 25
Guyandotte District.....	5 50
Total.....	\$207 95

EDUCATION.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 3 37
Wheeling District.....	36 90
Clarksburg District.....	3 15
Buckhannon District.....	2 50
Parkersburg District.....	3 95
Charleston District.....	3 66
Guyandotte District.....	65
Total	\$54 18

BISHOP'S REPORT.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 58 00
Wheeling District.....	84 00
Clarksburg District.....	48 85
Buckhannon District.....	24 30
Parkersburg District.....	40 67
Charleston District.....	29 78
Guyandotte District.....	13 50
Total	\$299 10

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Morgantown District.....	\$11 88
Wheeling District.....	30 45
Clarksburg District.....	5 70
Buckhannon District.....	50
Parkersburg District.....	8 40
Charleston District.....	5 05
Guyandotte District.....	1 85
Total.....	\$63 83

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. WALLACE,

Conference Treasurer.

PARKERSBURG, Oct. 14th, 1878.

ON AUDITING PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

The Committee to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts, report that the Missionary appropriations to the Missions in the bounds of this Conference, have been paid and receipted for.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL STEELE, Chairman.

PARKERSBURG, Oct. 14th, 1878.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

PARKERSBURG, October 10, 1878.

As custodian of the Centenary Fund, I report \$13.20 interest, in my hands, awaiting the order of Conference.

J. L. CLARK.

ON JONES FUND.

The money in my hands from the Jones estate, \$600.00, is invested according to the direction of the Conference, and the interest for this year, amounting to \$41.00, has been paid to the Board of Stewards.

S. B. D. PRICKITT, Trustee.

THE PUMPHREY FUND.

The Pumphrey fund was loaned and secured by real estate, and the interest paid over to the Board of Stewards, as directed by the Conference.

A. J. LYDA,
G. MARTIN.

ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on District Conference Journals, after an examination of the Journals, report that they have been properly and well kept.

HENRY J. BOATMAN, Chairman.

October 10, 1878.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report, that, having considered this whole question, they cannot propose better than to re-affirm the resolutions adopted at our last Conference. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That said report and resolutions are hereby re-affirmed.

J. A. FULLERTON, Chairman.

ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, offer the following report :

Resolved, That the wide-spread and formidable evil of Sabbath desecration,

by railroad trains, steamboats, mails, &c., calls for a more vigorous movement for its redemption and preservation.

Resolved, That we faithfully admonish our people against overt breaches of the Sabbath law, as ordained by the Lord Jesus Christ, and especially that it is their positive and personal duty to clear their own spirits of all complicity with these sins, by refraining from Sunday travel, and as their knowledge may enable, from committing stock, goods or commodities, for transportation on the Lord's day.

Resolved, That E. W. Ryan, W. R. White and S. B. D. Prickitt, be appointed a committee to confer with the International Sabbath Association, with power to co-operate, if, in their judgment, increased efficiency can be secured.

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

ON TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on the Tract Cause, report as follows :

Amount received from the several charges, \$47.99 ; an increase over last year of \$5.33.

We offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will, as pastors, faithfully present the claims of the society to our people, and ask for more liberal contributions.

H. H. WESTWOOD, Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

We are plainly taught that it is God's wise purpose to convert the world to himself through the Church, and the men and women who are to be the Christian workers of the future, are to-day, or ought to be, educating themselves in the preparatory department of the Church.

To furnish ample facilities for the instruction of our youth in the truths of the Scriptures and in the doctrines of the Church, is the great *work* of the Church, over which *Pastors* have direct supervision. And while we notice, with pleasure, the growing interest in this department of our Church work, we believe that it has not as yet measured up to its full standard of excellence. Therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, as Pastors, will continue industriously to work up the interest in this department, and try to meet the requirements of the Discipline.

2. *Resolved*, That we will take more interest in recommending to the people the Sunday School requisites of our own Church, and urge them to show their loyalty by using the efficient helps provided by our General Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That we will try to impress our people with the fact that the Sunday School is not only a place for the instruction of children, but that it also affords an opportunity for instruction and usefulness to the parents and older members of the Church.

4. *Resolved*, That we will urge our officers, teachers and workers, to teach and enforce rules that will retain the pupils of their various schools in the congregations, for religious worship.

We report \$62.90 collected for this interest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. DOLLIVER, President.

C. WARMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee submit the following considerations :

The present is a reading age. Books and periodicals are published in great numbers, and so cheaply that they are placed within the reach of all classes of people. The powers of good and the powers of evil are both using the printing press, to disseminate their respective sentiments, and that to an extent unparralleled in the world's history. Infidel books, magazines, newspapers and tracts, not all of them coarse, vulgar and repulsive, but in many instances, learned, polished, persuasive, and well calculated to deceive and betray, are scattered by the millions, throughout this land and in all lands. Bishop Thomson testifies that he found the writings of Colenso, Emerson and Theodore Parker, in India, translated into the vernacular, and read and accepted by many thoughtful minds. These works will help unquestionably to shake down the temple of paganism, but they will substitute for heathen superstitions a rationalism which, if less absurd, is quite as heartless and ruinous.

Everywhere in civilized countries are found the productions of the satanic press. The ablest and most highly cultivated brains are, alas ! in too many instances, employed in the sad, desolating work of sapping the foundations of virtue, gilding the enormities of vice, misleading youth and poisoning childhood. No greater peril threatens the family, the State or the Church, than that which comes from the circulation of a vicious and corrupting literature. The most dangerous ideas and sentiments, calculated to subvert and destroy society itself, are thus diffused through communities and nations. This literature is the more perilous because it is plausible and attractive, tinged with romance and adorned with classical allusions ; because it assumes to speak with the wisdom of the schools, claims to interpret the great facts of history, employs the discoveries and conclusions of science and philosophy for its own perverted purposes ; teaches doubt by suggestion and destroys confidence by insinuation ; assails

the Church in a pretended concern for humanity, impugns religion in the name of reason, and blasphemously denies God because of affective regard for morality and virtue.

The Emperor of Germany, in his "Throne Speech," at the recent opening of the Imperial Parliament, affirms that Socialism has declared war upon the State and society, and that society and the State must combine to put it down. This, it is urged, is now the one imperative duty of Parliament. "So here is the spectacle of an Empire," exclaims Dr. J. P. Thompson, in a late number of the *New York Independent*, "with a standing army of 400,000 men, demanding extraordinary powers for suppressing a danger, which has yet, exists for the most part in words and ideas. This new peril," he adds, "comes mainly through reading. It is the diffusion of pernicious ideas through the press that has caused such consternation in German society." The same peril threatens our own country—threatens to consume property, to subvert social order, to overthrow government. The danger is present, real, growing, and confronting us on every side. If suffered to come to its consummation, it will blot out the family, engulf the Church, wreck civilization, and turn backward for centuries the march of human progress. It is madness to ignore our peril; it is foolishness and pusillanimity not to be able to meet it with wisdom and courage. It is time that we plainly discern the points of exposure and possible ruin, and the source of strength and attainable victory.

What has been our error in the past? We have gone too much on the assumption that a reading people will, as a matter of course, read only good and wholesome publications, and that if the people are intelligent they will also be virtuous. Experience has shown the contrary. There is a depraved and perverted taste in literature as in other things. The worst books often have the largest circulation. An unscrupulous partisan press is sure to be sustained by the selfish and reckless adherents of the party. The journal which panders to the lowest passions, which strikes at personal character, which prints all the loathsome details of vice and crime, and which glories in portraying the weakness or wickedness of Church members and ministers, will be sure to find those who have appetites for the disgusting feast, and who will return thereto, again and again, as the dog to his vomit and the sow to her wallowing in the mire.

What then is our remedy and duty? We must print and circulate good books—books which not only flash with the scintillations of genius, but which also throb and glow with the power

and fire of the Holy Ghost. We must publish *Quarterlies*, like our own noble *Review*, in which science and philosophy are exalted and honored, with no disparaging reflections on the Christian doctrine, and with no sneers at the world's Redeemer. We must furnish *Monthlies* and *Weeklies*, for the household and for all classes of readers, in which the ripest culture shall be consecrated to the work of Christian civilization. We must surely reach the young, and sow the seed of truth and righteousness in the susceptible heart of childhood. We must create and cherish a taste for good reading—for that which is instructive, purifying and spiritual—as the only prophylactic against the distempers of a perverted, debased and sensual appetite. The children who grow up in a household where the best publications of our Church are received, read, made matter of conversation, appreciated and commended, will come to maturity with no desire for fictitious and debasing literature, with a profound reverence for Christianity, and with strong attachments to the peculiar institutions of Methodism.

In making earnest efforts to circulate our books and periodicals, we are following in the footsteps of our honored and venerable fathers. Mr. Wesley wrote, compiled, printed, and distributed good books, magazines, papers and tracts through all the years of his ministerial life. He insisted always that to circulate the books and papers of the "United Society," was no small part of a Methodist preachers's duty. Book-rooms have grown up, in our marvelous denominational history, as naturally and inevitably as Conferences and churches. A newspaper, received into all our families, in which to defend our doctrines, explain our polity, publish our appointments, herald our successes, and embalm the memories of our sainted dead, is a Methodist necessity.

It is a happy thing for our Church that we have learned to use the press, and especially the weekly newspaper, to so great an extent; for, although the increase in the circulation of the daily journals, has in some degree, destroyed the value of the weekly paper, as a newspaper; it is nevertheless true that the weekly paper has more than held its own, and is a growing power of influence in the Church and in the world. The most cultured, the best trained, and the most widely known writers in the nation, contribute to its columns. Articles which used to go naturally to the quarterlies or monthlies are now printed, in sections and paragraphs by the weekly press. No man can diligently read any one of our Church papers without increasing in knowledge

and power; nor without finding many things to incite his faith, to stimulate his zeal, and to lead him to a holier and more exemplary life.

We are specially glad to be able to say that this is emphatically true of our own Conference journal, the *PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*. Under the able, independent and efficient management of its scholarly and devout editor, Rev. Dr. Alfred Wheeler, it has decidedly increased in interest and power of usefulness, and deserves, as we trust it may receive, the widest circulation. We are gratified to learn from the report of its Publishing Agent that the net assets of the paper are nearly \$20,000, and that, during the year ending June 1, 1878, it has paid its expenses, and has an excess of income amounting to nearly \$1,000.00

We do not annex to this report a series of resolutions, but we express our conviction that the *Methodist Quarterly Review* is worthy of a place in the library of every Methodist minister, and that our intelligent laymen would do a wise thing in giving it a more liberal support; that the *National Repository* meets a felt necessity, is growing in character and usefulness and ought to have a more extended circulation; that our Sunday school publications are of incomparable excellence, and should be freely scattered through our churches and congregations; that the West Virginia Conference might double, and ought to double, its patronage to the *PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE*; and that such a consummation would not only greatly encourage its faithful Publishing Committee and cheer the heart of its hard working and accomplished editor, but would also largely serve the local interests of the Conference, increase the sum of its benevolent collections, secure a better support for the effective ministry, develop the spiritual forces which are latent in the Church, add immensely to the usefulness and happiness of individuals and households, and effectively aid pastors, parents and Sunday school teachers in training childhood and youth, for a virtuous and honorable career in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the glory of the God of our fathers who is blessed forevermore.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. C. GEORGE, Chairman.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

After the November session of the Conference Board of Ex-

tension, we were informed that there was placed to the credit of our Conference, \$1,244.50; half to be used as donations and half as loans.

The Conference Board has held two meetings during the year.

The number of applications for assistance was not large, yet a goodly number of them we could not endorse, as the Churches had not yet been commenced, and we thought it best to use our funds in saving Churches that were likely to be lost to the Denomination.

We have endorsed grants to the amount of \$150.00, and loans to the amount of \$150.00, but do not know whether the present Board will approve or disapprove of our action.

This is a collection that richly repays the Conference that pays attention to it. We receive double the amount we contribute.

Fifty-three charges in the West Virginia Conference, contributed *not one cent* for this good cause during last year. Brethren, "these things ought not to be so." You have it in your power to say emphatically they shall not occur again.

W. C. WILSON, President.

GEO. C. WILDING, Secretary.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The aggregate collections for the Bible Cause from our Conference in the past year, amount to three hundred and fifty-three dollars and ten cents (\$353.10) in excess of last year, one hundred and ninety-three dollars and twenty-three cents (\$193.23.) Considering the shrinkage of values, damages from floods, and numerous calls for pecuniary help from the yellow fever districts, &c., this report is truly encouraging, more especially considering that sixty-one churches contributed nothing whatever to the cause.

Whereas, The American Bible Society has adopted the Colporteur system of supplying the destitute poor of our State, under the direction of their Assistant Superintendent for West Va.; and,

Whereas, The average destitution has been found in the more favorable portions, to be about one family in five, and in the less favored, one family in three or four; and,

Whereas, The Parent Society has repeatedly made a grant of five hundred dollars worth of scriptures, to aid in the supply of our poor population with the word of God; Be it therefore,

Resolved, That our grateful acknowledgements are due to the A. B. S., for their generous donation, and that we will heartily co-operate with the State Assistant Superintendent, Rev. W. R. Long, and with the Colporteur in the explorations of the State, and in supplying the destitute poor with the word of life.

Resolved, That we will take, or cause to be taken, a collection for the A. B. S., in each of our congregations during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. RIPPEY, Secretary.

W. H. YOUNG, Chairman.

ON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the W. F. M. Society to all our people, and we will welcome its Secretaries and Agents to our charges.

J. WESLEY WEBB,

A. HALL,

S. B. D. PRICKITT.

ON CONFERENCE SEMINARY.

Whereas, This Conference has a keen sense of the importance of keeping the higher education of youth under the control of the Christian Church, and fully realize that where one student can enter a College or a University, a hundred must depend on the Academy or Seminary for training and instruction, and is deeply impressed with the necessity of a Conference Seminary, of high rank, which shall be not only a help to learning, but also a fountain of piety, and is fully persuaded that Providence will speedily open the door for the accomplishment of our long cherished purpose in this regard; therefore,

Resolved, That we will appoint a commission of five Ministers and four Laymen, to receive any proposals which may be made by individuals or communities, for the establishment of such Conference Seminary, provided that we do not invite proposals from places not accessible, or nearly so, by railroad, and that we will not undertake to establish a Seminary in any locality which does not donate to us at least *twenty-five thousand dollars* in land, buildings, or other property, nor except the appointment of a majority of the Board of Trustees, shall be vested in this annual Conference.

A. C. GEORGE,

J. WESLEY WEBB.

The commission asked for in the above resolutions, was appointed as follows:

MINISTERS.

A. C. George, W. R. White, Samuel Steele, E. W. Ryan, and D. H. K. Dix.

LAYMEN.

H. K. List, A. J. Boreman, C. M. Bishop and Nathan Goff, Sr.

ON PERMANENT CONFERENCE FUND.

Whereas, The Superannuated Ministry of our Conference, the widows and orphans of our brethren, who have died in the work, as well as many of our ministers, still effective, receive an inadequate support at the best; and,

Whereas, By a prudent and continued canvass and presentation of the membership, this unpleasant state of affairs may be greatly, if not altogether remedied; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each preacher to present to the members of the Church, during the ensuing year, the necessity of raising twenty thousand dollars, to be called the fund for the better support of the Superannuated Preachers and widows and orphans of the deceased members of our Church of the West Virginia Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That we obtain ten or more subscriptions of \$1,000 each twenty or more of \$500, forty of \$250, and so on down to subscriptions of smaller amounts.

3. *Resolved*, That the officers of this fund, be a council consisting of eight persons, one half of whom shall be Laymen, one Corresponding Secretary who shall be a Minister, and a Treasurer who shall be a Layman.

4. *Resolved*, The Council, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Annual Conference, annually.

5. *Resolved*, That the Council shall see that the funds collected are paid over to the Treasurer, and properly and securely invested by him and that fifty per cent. of the interest on the moneys invested, be paid quarterly by the Treasurer, to the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of deceased ministers, fifty per cent. of their receipts the previous year, quarterly, through the Corresponding Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep an accurate account of the moneys disbursed, and report yearly to the Board of Stewards.

6. *Resolved*, That the funds now in the hands of members of this Conference, be consolidated with the above fund and used accordingly.

7. *Resolved*, That the fifth collection be taken up the first quarter of the Conference year.

8. *Resolved*, That as a Conference, we will try to pay to each Superannuated Minister, \$60.00 yearly, as a minimum salary, and five dollars additional for each year he has traveled.

D. H. K. DIX.

SAMUEL STEELE.

The Council asked for, was appointed. See list of Conference officers.

ON CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES.

Whereas, The Discipline of the Church declares that "no proposition for any change in Conference boundaries shall be entertained by the General Conference, until due notice shall have been given by the Annual Conference, desiring such change, or by a majority of the Presiding Elders thereof, to the Conference or Conferences, which are to be affected by such proposed action;" and,

Whereas, Changes are desired in the boundaries of the West Virginia Annual Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to give official notification to the Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Virginia Conferences, that this Conference will petition the next General Conference, so to alter. ¶475 of the discipline, that it will read as follows:

"The West Virginia Conference shall include the State of West Virginia and so much of Garret County, Maryland, as lies west of the dividing ridge of the Allegheny Mountains."

W. C. SNODGRASS,	J. W. W. BOLTON.
J. WESLEY, WEBB,	SAMUEL STEELE.
W. C. WILSON,	A. C. GEORGE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, present the following report:

The outlook on the literary field, over which the Conference has direct or incidental supervision, is promising. Notwithstanding the insecurity felt in business circles for so many years, and its consequent adverse influence on institutions of learning, we are happy to report encouragingly.

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

The Trustees of Mount Union College, report this Institution as making substantial progress. Over thirty-five thousand dollars have recently been raised at Mount Union College for the erection of a new Museum Building, in addition to the large amount of donations pledged by liberal persons of means, at a distance, for endowments and general improvements. Of the donations given by various persons, to this College, entitling a corresponding interest in its control, thirty thousand dollars, in accordance with its plan, have been passed to the credit and interest of this Conference. The different students in attendance the past year, number 353, and the present College year has commenced auspiciously. The College has always been self-supporting.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we accept this gift of thirty thousand dollars interest in the College; and, that W. C. Wilson, S. Steele and J. W. W. Bolton, be the Committee of Supervision; and that W. R. White, J. W. Reger, E. W. Ryan, C. E. Manchester, A. C. George, and J. R. Thompson, be a Committee of Visitation.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The Annual Reports of the Trustees, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, referred to your Committee, are full and satisfactory. They show a prosperous and most encouraging condition of this, the oldest of our Western Methodist Colleges. The Institution ranks with the best in the land, both in the extent of its curriculum, and the helps furnished the students in their thorough mastery of the studies they pursue.

The Faculty are commended as a body of able, earnest men, fully consecrated to their work, and successful in it.

The College is now free from debt, and the property including the productive endowment funds, now with nearly half a million. If the progress has been slow, it has, for some years past, been constant—some valuable improvements have been made during the past year, besides the addition of nearly three thousand volumes to the before extensive library.

Hard as times are, the number of students has steadily increased, and last year, 295 were in attendance, some 40 of them young ladies.

The admission of these to all the advantages of the College, with the same rights and privileges given to young men, was ordered by the Conferences, and has been greatly to the advantage of the Institution. That class of students in Allegheny, have made a record creditable to themselves and their sex.

The beautiful Ladies' Hall promised in the last catalogue, it is confidently expected will be built this year.

Allegheny College has been too long and favorably known in our communities, to need any special commendation to those who seek for themselves or their children, the advantage of thorough culture, under decidedly christian influences.

We nominate the following persons as members of the "Joint Board of Control:"

Rev. A. C. George, Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, Hon. B. F. Martin, and Hon. T. H. Logan.

And for Committee of Visitors, Rev. E. W. Ryan, Rev. C. E. Manchester, Rev. D. H. K. Dix, Wm. C. Brockunier and Hon. G. W. Atkinson.

So far in regard to institutions in which we have an interest outside of our territory. The system of Public School in West Virginia, is no longer a matter of experiment. The people have put them on a permanent basis, and every year gives most hopeful indications that "the people's colleges" are meeting the great expectations entertained in regard to them.

The Normal Schools contribute largely to the supply of competent teachers, and for this reason, seem to be an indispensable auxiliary in the culture of the youth of the State.

The West Virginia University under the management of Rev. J. R. Thompson, A. M., and his associates in the faculty, and the board of trustees has met with a patronage so promising, that we may regard it as a prophecy of permanent success. Though not a denominational school, and in no sense under the supervision of our Church, yet we are largely represented in the students that recite in its halls. It would be impossible, if not im-

politic to make this University a rival of institutions, under our control, and State honor should prompt us, as West Virginian Methodists to extend to it sympathy and patronage.

In concluding our report, we regret to confess that the scheme of establishing a Conference Seminary has not yet assumed a practical form. Over one thousand young ladies in this State, must forego the advantages of a high academic training for the want of facilities which such a school would furnish. Their limited means forbid their going abroad, and as yet, neither the talent to project, nor the means to execute a plan for their relief has presented itself. We think this state of things should be constantly pressed upon the attention of our people, until this clamor for a higher mental drill shall have been satisfied.

We have in Wheeling an undenominational school—"The Wheeling Female College," under the direction of Miss A. Taylor, which is represented as being first-class in its instructions and its facilities for intellectual culture. To this institution, ministers' daughters are admitted on reduced terms. We cordially commend the school to the patronage of the public.

We respectfully recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the Presiding Officer of this Conference be requested to appoint Prof. F. W. Wood, Professor in Mt. Union College, Dr. J. G. Blair, Principal of Fairmont Normal School, and Rev. J. R. Thompson, President of West Virginia University.

The Committee on Education, having heard through Dr. Hurst, President of Drew Theological Seminary, of the plan by which it is proposed to endow a chair in that institution, in memory of the sainted Bishop Janes.

Resolved, That we do approve of the plan and commend it to the favorable notice of the members of the West Virginia Conference.

W. R. WHITE, Chairman.

E. W. RYAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the West Virginia Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of the goodly city of Parkersburg, for their generous and hospitable entertainment during our present session, and that we shall ever hold them in grateful and fragrant Christian remembrance.

2. *Resolved*, That our thanks be tendered also to the pastors and trustees of the various Churches, kindly placed at our disposal during the session of our Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender our warmest thanks to Brother C. E. Manchester, the popular and courteous pastor of this Church, for his satisfactory arrangements for our comfort and welfare.

4. *Resolved*, That on this occasion of his second visit to us, we express our high admiration for the character and abilities of Bishop Harris, his eminent executive talent, his delightful social qualities, and his deep and sincere piety, and that we will rejoice to again and speedily welcome him as our presiding officer. May God bless our beloved Bishop Harris.

5. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mrs. K. S. Boreman and Mrs. A. E. Boreman, for floral decorations.

J. R. THOMPSON,
W. E. LOVETT,
G. MARTIN,
J. B. FEATHER.

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CONFERENCE SEMINARY COMMISSION:

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Corresponding Secretary—Samuel Steele.

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Trustee of Jones Estate—S. B. D. Prickitt.

Trustee of Monies and Notes accruing from the Ward Bequest—The Secretary.

Agent to secure Ward Bequest—A. J. Lyda.

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On Course of Study—First year—S. B. D. Prickitt, J. F. Chenoweth, A. Mick.

Second year—C. H. Conway, F. A. Trippett, C. S. Allemong.

Third year—W. J. Sharpes, W. Prettyman, W. H. Shaw.

Fourth year—A. Hall, J. A. Fullerton, S. E. Jones.

On Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—M. W. Rider, M. McNeel and J. G. Weaver.

On Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—W. E. Lovett, A. T. Morriston, W. F. Cannan.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON:

Preacher—D. H. K. Dix. *Alternate*—S. C. Loomis.

TO PREACH CONFERENCE SERMON:

Preacher—S. B. D. Prickitt. *Alternate*—J. A. Fullerton.

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 E. D. W. King and G. C. Schaeffer.

EPISCOPAL DIRECTORY.

NAME.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Entered the Ministry. Ordained Bishop.
Levi Scott, D. D.	Odessa, Delaware	1826 1852
Matthew Simpson, D. D.	1020 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.	1833 1852
Edward R. Ames, D. D.	184 M'Culloch street, Baltimore, Md.	1830 1852
Thomas Bowman, D. D., L. L. D.	3137 Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.	1839 1872
William L. Harris, D. D., L. L. D.	805 Broadway, New York City	1837 1872
Ralph S. Foster, D. D., L. L. D.	Boston, Mass.	1837 1872
Isaac W. Wiley, D. D., M. D.	Cincinnati, Ohio	1851 1872
Stephen M. Merrill, D. D.	Chicago, Illinois	1846 1872
Edward G. Andrews, D. D.	Des Moines, Iowa	1848 1872
Gilbert Haven	Atlanta, Georgia	1851 1872
Jesse T. Peck	Syracuse, New York	1832 1872

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Number.	NAME.	State in Minis- try.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	Allemon, C. S.	Elder	Effective	Palatine	Marion	W. Va.
2	Baumgardner, N. L.	"	"	Selbeysport	Garrett	Md.
3	Bedford, J. W.	"	"	Milton	Cabell	W. Va.
4	Benedum, D. S.	"	Superannuated.			
5	Birkett, J.	"	"			
6	Beckley, N. C.	"	Effective	Leon	Mason	W. Va.
7	Blair, J. G.	"	"	Fairmont	Marion	"
8	Boatman, H. J.	"	"	Lumberport	Harrison	"
9	Bolton, J. W. W.	"	"	Palatine	Marion	"
10	Brooks, R.	"	Superannuated.	St. Albans	Kanawha	"
11	Brooks, R. L.	"	"	Centreville	Upshur	"
12	Cannan, W. F.	"	Effective	Moundsville	Marshall	"
13	Carrico, W. D.	"	"	New Martinsville	Wetzel	"
14	Carroll, J. T.	"	"	Buffalo	Putnam	"
15	Chenoweth, J. F.	"	"	Parkersburg	Wood	"
16	Cheuvront, W. A.	"	"	Jarrett's Ford	Kanawha	"
17	Chidester, T. W.	"	Superannuated	Allbrightsville	Preston	"
18	Clark, J. L.	"	Effective	Parkersburg	Wood	"
19	Cool, D.	"	"	Mason town	Preston	"
20	Cotton, T.	"	"	Pocatalico	Kanawha	"
21	Conner, C.	"	Superannuated	Moundsville	Marshall	"
22	Conway, C. H.	"	Effective	Fairmont	Marion	"
23	Conwell, J.	"	"	Rock Cave	Upshur	"
24	Crossfield, G.	"	"	Middlebourne	Tyler	"
25	Cummings, S.	Deacon.	"	Mason City	Mason	"
26	Crawford, C.	Elder	"	Williamstown	Wood	"
27	Darlington, B.	"	"	Hamlin	Lincoln	"
28	Davis, J. T.	"	"	Ciendenni	Kanawha	"
29	Dawson, S. R.	"	Superannuated	Ellenboro	Ritchie	"
30	Dix, D. H. K.	"	Effective	Triadelphia	Ohio	"
31	Dixon, A.	"	Superannuated.	Mountain Cove	Fayette	"
32	Dolliver, J. N.	"	Effective	Barracksville	Marion	"
33	Eckess, J. N.	"	Superannuated.			
34	Eichelberger, J. T.	"	Effective			
35	Engle, J.	Deacon.	"	St. George	W. Va.	
36	Faulkner, T. R.	Elder	"	West Union	Doddridge	"
37	Feather, J. B.	"	"	Hartford City	Mason	"
38	Ford, F. G. W.	"	"	Pruntytown	Taylor	"
39	Ford, E.	"	"	Albright's	Preston	"
40	Fullerton, J. A.	"	Superannuated	Raccoon	"	"
41	Fullerton, J. A.	"	Effective	Volcano	Wood	"
42	George, A. C.	"	"	Wheeling	Ohio	"
43	Griffith, F.	"	"	Point Pleasant	Mason	"
44	Guthrie, F.	"	Superannuated.	Gallipolis	Gallia	Ohio.
45	Hagar, B.	"	Effective	Peytona	Boone	W. Va.
46	Hall, A.	"	"	Cameron	Marshall	"
47	Hammond, D. S.	Deacon.	"	Bush's Mills.	Gallia	Ohio.
48	Harrison, C. S.	"	"	Granville	Monongalia	W. Va.
49	Heaston, D. M.	"	"	Webster C. H.	Webster	"

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Number.	NAME.	State in Minis-try.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
49	Hess, J. H.....	Elder ..	Effective.....	Cherry Camp.....	Harrison.....	W. Va.
50	Hess, J. W.....	"	"	Fellowsville.....	Preston.....	"
51	Hitchens, S.....	"	Supernumerary	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	"
52	Hite, G. E.....	"	Effective.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
53	Hughes, T. B.....	"	"	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
54	Hughes, F. M.....	"	"	"	"	"
55	Ison, B.....	"	"	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md.
56	Johnson, N. B.....	"	"	White Day.....	Monongalia	W. Va.
57	Jones, S. E.....	"	"	Weston.....	Lewis.....	"
58	Jones, S. D.....	"	Superannuated.	Chester.....	Meigs.....	Ohio.
59	Jones, G.....	"	"	Wellsburg.....	Brooke.....	W. Va.
60	Jordan, L. H.....	"	Effective.....	Kingwood.....	Preston.....	"
61	Kelley, W. W.....	"	"	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
62	King, S.....	"	"	Newburgh.....	Preston.....	"
63	King, L. D.....	"	"	Williamstown.....	Wood.....	"
64	King, E. D. W.....	"	"	Smithville.....	Ritchie.....	"
65	King, F. H. J.....	"	"	Loupe Creek.....	Payette.....	"
66	Lakin, C. H.....	"	"	West Milford.....	Harrison.....	"
67	Lambert, J. W.....	Deacon.	"	Ripley's.....	Tyler.....	"
68	Laughlin, R.....	Elder ..	Supernumerary	Blacksville.....	Monongalia	"
69	Laughlin, J. S.....	"	Effective.....	Deer Park.....	Garrett.....	Md.
70	Law, A. C.....	Deacon.	"	Fetterman.....	Taylor.....	W. Va.
71	Lee, J.....	Elder ..	"	Guyandotte.....	Cabell.....	"
72	Loomis, S. C.....	"	"	Barboursville.....	"	"
73	Loomis, W. E.....	"	"	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
74	Lovett, W. E.....	"	"	Phillippi.....	Barbour.....	"
75	Lowther, S.....	"	"	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	"
76	Lyda, A. J.....	"	Supernumerary	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
77	Mahone, B. D.....	Deacon.	Effective.....	Big Sycamore.....	Clay.....	"
78	Manchester, C. E.....	Elder ..	"	Parkersburg.....	Wood.....	"
79	Martin, G.....	"	"	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
80	Matheny, G. W.....	"	Superannuated.	Pocatalico.....	Kanawha.....	"
81	Mercer, J. E.....	Deacon.	Effective.....	Blacksville.....	Monongalia	"
82	McNeel, M.....	Elder ..	"	Spencer.....	Roane.....	"
83	McGinnis, D. A.....	"	Superannuated.	"	"	"
84	Mick, A.....	"	Effective.....	Glenville.....	Gilmer.....	W. Va.
85	Morrison, A. T.....	"	"	Kesler's X Lanes.....	Nicholas.....	"
86	Northeraft, R.....	"	Superannuated.	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
87	Orwen, E. H.....	"	Effective.....	Mercer C. H.....	Mercer.....	"
88	Parriott, G. W.....	"	"	Belton.....	Marshall.....	"
89	Paugh, I. C.....	Deacon.	"	Moundsville.....	"	"
90	Perry, A. D.....	"	"	Hewitt's Creek.....	Boone.....	"
91	Pinchen, J. B.....	Elder ..	"	West Milford.....	Harrison.....	"
92	Poling, C.....	Deacon.	"	Sutton.....	Braxton.....	"
93	Prettyman, W.....	Elder ..	"	Clifton.....	Mason.....	"
94	Prickitt, S. B. D.....	"	"	Charleston.....	Kanawha.....	"
95	Price, C. J.....	Deacon.	"	Grantsville.....	Garrett.....	Md.
96	Reger, J. W.....	Elder ..	Superannuated.	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	W. Va.
97	Rexroad, J. C.....	"	Effective.....	Smithton.....	Doddridge.....	"
98	Rider, M. W.....	"	"	Clarksburg.....	Harrison.....	"
99	Riheldaffer, W. G.....	"	"	Benwood.....	Marshall.....	"
100	Rippey, W. E.....	"	"	85, 33d st Wheeling	Ohio.....	"
101	Rogers, G.....	"	"	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
102	Rogers, B. F.....	"	Superannuated.	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
103	Ryan, T. P.....	"	Effective.....	Walton.....	Roane.....	"
104	Ryan, E. W.....	"	"	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	"
105	Sanford, V.....	"	Superannuated.	Charleston.....	Kanawha.....	"
106	Sanford, H. C.....	"	Effective.....	Sherrard.....	Marshall.....	"
107	Scott, H.....	Deacon.	"	Kanawha Salines.....	Kanawha.....	"
108	Schaeffer, G. C.....	Elder ..	"	Huntington.....	Cabell.....	"
109	Shackleford, C. R.....	Deacon.	"	Fisher's Point.....	Jackson.....	"
110	Shaw, W. H.....	Elder ..	"	Ravenswood.....	"	"
111	Sharps, W. J.....	"	"	Knotts ville.....	Taylor.....	"
112	Sidebottom, J. C.....	"	"	Fort Gay.....	Wayne.....	"
113	Snodgrass, W. C.....	"	"	Morgantown.....	Monongalia	"
114	Snodgrass, J. F.....	"	"	Pine Grove.....	Wetzel.....	"
115	Stevens, A.....	"	Superannuated.	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
116	Steele, S.....	"	Effective.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
117	Steele, S. E.....	"	"	Ouslie's Gap.....	Cabell.....	"
118	Stewart, L. L.....	"	"	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
119	Thatcher, J. F.....	"	"	Dallas.....	Marshall.....	"

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120	Thompson, J. R.....	Elder ...	Effective.....	Morgantown	Monongalia	W. Va.
121	Trainer, T. H.....	"	"	Mannington.....	Marion	"
122	Trippett, C. J.....	"	"	Jollytown.....	Greene	Penn.
123	Trippett, F. A.....	"	"	Wheeling.....	Ohio	W. Va.
124	Upton, C. W.....	Deacon.	"	Beverly.....	Randolph ..	"
125	Wallace, R. M.....	Elder ...	"	Sistersville.....	Tyler	"
126	Warman, C.....	"	"	Weston	Lewis	"
127	Warden, J. M.....	"	"	Moundsville	Marshall	"
128	Wasson, J. E.....	"	"	Granville	Monongalia	"
129	Weaver, J. G.....	"	"	Brandonville.....	Preston	"
130	West, W. M.....	"	"	Evansville	"	"
131	Welch, R. S.....	"	"	Wilsonburg	Harrison.....	"
132	Weese, R.....	"	"	Rock Cave.....	Upshur	"
133	Westwood, H. H.....	"	"	Elizabeth	Wirt	"
134	Webb, J. Wesley.....	"	"	Huntington.....	Cabell	"
135	West, J. B.....	"	Superannuated.	Newport	Washington	Ohio.
136	White, W. R.....	"	Effective.....	Wheeling	Ohio	W. Va.
137	Wilson, W. C.....	"	"	"	"	"
138	Wilding, Geo. C.....	"	"	"	"	"
139	Wilson, E. S.....	"	"	West Liberty.....	"	"
140	Williams, G. H.....	"	"	Elm Ford.....	Wayne	"
141	Wiley, W. H.....	"	Supernumerary	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
142	Williams, J. A.....	"	"	Sycamore Dale.....	Harrison.....	"
143	Wood, F. W.....	"	Effective.....	Mt. Union.....	Starke.....	Ohio.
144	Woodruff, E. C.....	"	"	Bellville	Wood	W. Va.
145	Woodyard, R. L.....	"	Supernumerary	Parkersburg	"	"
146	Wristen, W.....	"	Effective.....	Coalburgh.....	Kanawha ..	"
147	Young, W. H.....	"	"	Harrisville	Ritchie.....	"

LIST OF PROBATIONERS.

Number.	NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	Ash, D. S.....	Wilsonburg	Harrison.....	West Virginia.
2	Copeland, G. R.....	Mountain Cove....	Fayette.....	"
3	Harburt, E. G.....	Littleton.....	Wetzel	"
4	Hughes, R. H.....	Ripley	Jackson	"
5	Heatherly, L. D.....	Elm Ford.....	Wayne.....	"
6	Johnson, C. F.....	Raleigh C. H.....	Raleigh	"
7	Pribble, U.....	Winfield.....	Putnam	"
8	Varner, J. P.....	Bridgeport	Harrison.....	"

SESSIONS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Number.	Year.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	1848	July	Wheeling.....	Hamline .....	.....
2	1849	October 5.....	Clarksburg.....	Waugh.....	.....
3	1850	June 5.....	Parkersburg	Janes .....	.....
4	1851	June 4.....	Charleston.....	Morris .....	.....
5	1852	June 10.....	Morgantown.....	Morris .....	.....
6	1853	June 8.....	Weston.....	Baker.....	.....
7	1854	May 31.....	Fairmont.....	Scott.....	Alex. Martin.....
8	1855	May 30.....	Wheeling.....	.....	.....
9	1856	June 12.....	Buckhannon.....	Ames	S. R. Dawson.....
10	1857	April 16.....	Moundsville	Simpson.....	S. R. Dawson.....
11	1858	April 15.....	Charleston.....	Ames	S. R. Dawson.....
12	1859	April 20.....	Parkersburg	Morris	S. R. Dawson.....
13	1860	March 14.....	Morgantown.....	Scott.....	S. R. Dawson.....
14	1861	March 13.....	Wheeling.....	Baker.....	Samuel Steele.....
15	1862	March 12.....	Parkersburg	Scott.....	Samuel Steele.....
16	1863	March 18.....	Fairmont.....	Morris	Alex. Martin.....
17	1864	March 16.....	Parkersburg	Morris	Alex. Martin.....
18	1865	March 8.....	Wheeling.....	Janes	Alex. Martin.....
19	1866	March 21.....	Morgantown.....	Clark	Alex. Martin.....
20	1867	March 14.....	Catlettsburg, Ky.....	Thomson.....	Alex. Martin.....
21	1868	March 11.....	Moundsville	Kingsley.....	Samuel Steele.....
22	1869	March 11.....	Clarksburg.....	Ames	Alex. Martin.....
23	1870	March 10.....	Charleston.....	Thomson.....	J. L. Clark.....
24	1871	March 9.....	Parkersburg	Clark	J. L. Clark.....
25	1872	March 6.....	Wheeling.....	Simpson.....	J. L. Clark.....
26	1873	March 5.....	Guyandotte.....	Andrews.....	J. L. Clark.....
27	1874	March 11.....	Fairmont.....	Scott.....	J. L. Clark.....
28	1875	March 3.....	Point Pleasant.....	Bowman	J. L. Clark.....
29	1876	March 15.....	Wheeling.....	Harris	J. L. Clark.....
30	1877	March 21.....	Grafton.....	Ames	J. L. Clark.....
31	1877	October 4.....	Charleston.....	Scott.....	J. L. Clark.....
32	1878	October 10.....	Parkersburg	Harris	George C. Wilding..

ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD.
OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.
"They rest from their Labors, and their Works do follow them."

NAMES.	Place of Death.	Date of Death.	Conference Relation at Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Virginia....	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling.....	December 25, 1854....	Effective.....	26	3
Abraham Laughrige.....	.....	April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
William Summers.....	Martinsville, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary.....	58	20
Eli McLaughlin.....	.....	April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
Jesse Freeland.....	Kingwood, West Virginia.....	June 6, 1856.....	Superannuated.....	40	.....
Alpheus Robe.....	.....	.....1856.....	On Trial.....	33	2
James A. Young.....	.....	.....1857.....	On Trial.....	.....	1
W. D. Warman.....	.....	.....1858.....	.....	.....	.....
Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
Jacob S. Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
William R. Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Virginia....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....	.....	4
Philip Green.....	Near Lumberport, West Virginia..	January 24, 1870.....	Superannuated.....	80	44
Allen B. Smith.....	Buffalo, West Virginia.....	1870.....	Effective.....	43	6
John L. Irwin.....	Fairmont, West Virginia.....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
Edgar B. Blundon.....	Burning Springs, West Virginia..	March 6, 1873.....	Effective.....	37	7
George W. Richmond.....	Wheeling, West Virginia.....	March 16, 1874.....	Effective.....	41	17
Thomas M. Hartley.....	West Liberty.....	May 3, 1875.....	Effective.....	33	11
Michael Dowler.....	Marshall County, West Virginia..	November 29, 1875...	Supernumerary.....	70	6
Moses Titchenel.....	Rosemond, Illinois.....	May 23, 1876.....	Superannuated.....	70	38
Wilson L. Hindman.....	Moundsville, West Virginia.....	March 17, 1877.....	Effective.....	.....	28

Stewards' Report to the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the Year ending October, 1878.

APPOINTMENTS.	NAMES.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders.		Bishops' Fund.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
		Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Morgantown Dist't	J W W Bolton P E								
" Station	Sam'l Steele.....	\$ 900 00	\$900 00	\$90 00	\$90 00	\$7 00	\$7 00	\$20 35	P 100 00
" Circuit	S Lowther.....	605 00	585 00	68 00	70 00	5 00	5 00	10 10	95 00
Smithtown	N B Johnson.....	400 00	350 00	39 00	39 00	3 00	3 00	3 68	30 00
Monongalia	J E Wasson.....	600 00	563 02	72 00	72 00	6 00	6 00	22 00	P 100 00
Brandonville	D Cool.....	500 00	400 00	66 00	56 59	5 00	1 00	1 25	P 50 00
Pleasant Hill	F G W Ford.....	500 00	384 77	37 00	37 31	3 00	2 50	1 00	P 50 00
Grantsville	CS Harrison.....	240 00	215 00	39 00	45 19	3 00	3 00	4 00	P 30 00
Kingwood	W Prettyman.....	725 00	725 00	64 00	68 02	5 00		22 15	P 200 00
Masontown	J G Weaver.....	600 00	306 28	43 00	43 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	60 00
Oakland	B Ison.....	650 00	550 00	52 00	52 00	4 00	4 00	29 00	P 125 00
Deer Park	J S Laughlin.....	390 00		21 00	21 30	2 00			
Newburgh	S King.....	600 00	600 00	39 00	39 00	3 00	1 50	1 75	
Evansville	W M West.....	600 00	503 69	62 00	59 00	5 00	3 00		P 50 00
Pleasant Grove	J W Hess.....	460 00	320 62	34 00	36 25	3 00	3 00	2 27	P 40 00
Grafton Station	L H Jordan.....	1,000 00	900 00	63 00	63 00	5 00	3 50	13 61	P 100 00
Knottsville Circ't	W J Sharpes.....	500 00	419 75	51 00	51 00	4 00	2 00		P 25 00
Fetterman	A C Law.....	280 00	280 00	25 00	25 50	2 00	1 00	3 00	
Palatine	J B Feather.....	500 00	420 00	55 00	55 00	4 00	3 00	7 00	P 60 00
St. George	J T Eichelberger.....	400 00	335 00	43 00	43 00	3 00	2 25		P 50 00
Thornton	E Ford, supply.....	100 00	65 00	21 00	21 00	2 00			
Selb'spt&Johnst'n	N L Baumgardner.....	377 50	322 50	39 00	38 33	3 00	3 00	9 00	22 50
Rowlesburg	C J Price.....	175 00	156 50	26 00	26 00	2 00	1 25	92	35 00
		\$10,102 50	\$9,302 13	\$1,050 00	\$1,051 49	\$82 00	\$54 00	\$ 168 08	\$1272 50
Wheeling District.	W C Wilson, P. E.								
Fourth Street...	A C George.....	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00	\$220 00	\$220 00	\$15 00	\$15 00	\$ 100 00	P 250 00
North Street....	G C Wilding.....	800 00	800 00	52 00	52 00	8 00	8 00	42 00	P 150 00
Thompson Ch...	A R Reiley.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	72 00	72 00	10 00	9 00	50 00	P 200 00
Zane Street....	S B D Prickitt.....	850 00	850 00	65 00	65 00	9 00	2 00	5 00	200 00
Wesley Chapel.	W C Snodgrass.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	96 00	96 00	9 00	9 00	56 00	P 200 00
Fulton Circuit..	W E Rippey.....	600 00	600 00	36 00	36 00	2 00	2 00	9 00	150 00
Marshall	G E Hite.....	500 00	500 00	29 00	29 00	1 00	1 00	5 09	
	H C Sanford.....	600 00	529 68	75 00	55 00	7 00	7 00	11 00	P 75 00
	W B Trevey.....	200 00	176 56						
Moundsville	J M Warden.....	800 00	642 70	75 00	64 40	7 00	5 00	4 25	P 100 00
New Martins'le	T R Faulkner.....	432 00	325 00	48 00	40 00	2 00	2 00	7 00	55 00
Greene	G W Parriott.....	400 00	300 00	48 00	45 27	2 00			P 15 00
Cameron	A Hall.....	700 00	600 00	42 00	42 00	2 00	2 00	12 00	P 80 00
Grave Creek	W F Cannon.....	650 00	600 00	75 00	75 00	8 00	8 00	10 00	85 00
Dallas	M McNeel.....	620 00	503 00	72 00	72 00	7 00	5 00	3 00	P 80 00
Sh't C'k&Lib'ty	J P Thatcher.....	650 00	650 00	56 00	56 00	7 00		25 00	P 60 00
Triadelphia	D H K Dix.....	600 00	527 24	48 00	39 94	3 00	3 00	10 00	P 80 00
Benwood	W G Riheldaffer.....	538 00	391 41	41 00	25 45	1 00		2 61	114 00
		\$13,552 00	\$12,495 59	\$1,150 00	\$1,081 06	\$100 00	\$78 00	\$351 86	\$1,894 00
Buckhannon Dist't	T B Hughes P E...								
" Station	E S Wilson.....	\$600 00	\$525 00	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$5 00	\$1 00	\$2 00	\$100 00
" Circuit	F M Hughes.....	500 00	352 00	100 00	73 10	5 00		5 00	60 00
Phillippi	W E Lovett.....	575 00	476 50	80 00	80 00	4 50	1 00	2 00	P 40 00
Upshur	A Mick.....	500 00	321 30	75 00	75 00	3 00	1 10	1 30	
Beverly	S Cummings.....	233 00	119 66	60 00	56 30	3 00			16 34
Sutton	C W Upton.....	416 66	310 03	75 00	75 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	
Webster	C Poling.....	225 00	225 00	50 00	50 00	1 50	2 00		
Frenchton	John Conwell.....	575 00	445 69	100 00	100 00	5 00	5 00		P 50 00
Canaan	R Weese.....	355 00	340 00	50 00	50 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	15 00
Weston	S E Jones.....	600 00	466 07	80 00	71 25	4 50	3 50	3 00	P 100 00
Glenville	G Rogers.....	625 00	450 00	80 00	80 00	3 00		2 50	
Randolph Mission	D M Heaston.....		131 50	50 00	45 00	1 50			
Freemansburg Ct	C Warman.....	363 00	260 50	60 00	60 00	3 00		6 30	37 00
Mingo Flats	J L Queen, sup...			25 00	25 00	1 00			
		\$5,567 66	\$4,423 25	\$985 00	\$941 32	\$45 00	\$19 10	\$35 10	\$418 34

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APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Bishops' Fund.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Clarksburg District	G Martin.....								
Station	W E Loomis.....	\$492 00	\$492 00	\$76 00	\$60 11	\$5 00	\$5 00	\$5 45	\$108 00
West Milford Cir't	W W Kelley.....	600 00	504 35	100 00	59 84	8 00	6 70	5 00	P 60 00
Wilsonsburg "	J H Hess.....	250 00	215 12	60 00	60 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	
	I C Paugh.....	210 00	180 69						
Cherry Camp "	R S Welsh.....	425 00	381 08	50 00	50 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	P 37 50
Smithton "	J C Rexroad.....	400 00	300 00	50 00	50 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	P 30 00
Lumberport "	J F Snodgrass.....	400 00	291 24	70 00	53 50	2 00	1 50	1 00	
Pruntytown "	C S Allemong.....	600 00	457 55	96 00	73 96	4 00	3 30	3 65	P 70 00
Bridgeport "	S Harris, sup.....	250 00	241 00	40 00	40 06	1 00	2 00	3 00	
Fairmont Station.	W R White.....	600 00	450 00	60 00	60 08	4 00	4 00	4 20	P 100 00
Marion Circuit.	J J Dolliver.....	550 00	444 85	96 00	77 66	8 00	3 50	5 50	P 25 00
Mannington "	T H Trainer.....	635 00	572 22	96 00	92 90	7 00	4 00	6 00	P 50 00
Pine Grove "	J E Mercer.....	250 00	225 75	50 00	41 05	2 00	2 00	6 00	
Blacksville "	J P Varner.....	250 00	250 00	45 00	45 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	
Jollytown "	C J Trippett.....	450 00	407 76	75 00	75 00	5 00	2 80	30 00	P 25 00
Littleton "	C H Conway.....	305 00	188 15	35 00	25 75	1 00	1 00	1 00	
		\$6,667 00	\$5,601 76	\$1,000 00	\$864 91	\$60 00	\$48 80	\$85 80	\$505 50
Parkersburg Dist't	J L Clark P E.....								
Station	C E Manchester.....	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	\$182 50	\$182 50		\$ 15 00	\$60 00	P 300 00
Circuit	J F Chenoweth.....	525 00	475 00	75 00	57 00		4 00	10 00	40 00
Williamstown "	M W Rider.....	350 00	275 00	41 75	41 75		1 50	2 50	
Mt. Pleasant "	Thomas Cotton.....	400 00	291 00	71 75	35 70		4 00	1 40	P 50 00
Volcano "	J A Fullerton.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	75 00	75 00		4 00	10 00	P 60 00
Belleville "	E C Woodruff.....	450 00	350 00	86 75	57 00		2 00	2 00	50 00
Ravenswood "	W H Shaw.....	500 00	321 73	81 00	51 61		2 00	1 35	P 100 00
Harrisville "	W H Young.....	600 00	445 59	91 75	67 32		5 50	6 20	P 50 00
Elizabeth "	H H Westwood.....	465 00	333 00	91 75	48 01		3 00	5 00	P 80 00
Ellenboro "	C H Lakin.....	575 00	521 83	86 75	86 75		4 00	10 00	60 00
West Union "	J Engle.....	415 00	195 00	71 00	71 00		2 00	3 25	85 00
Sistersville "	R M Wallace.....	600 00	376 88	95 00	60 39		2 50	6 25	60 00
Middlebourne "	H J Boatman.....	500 00	266 67	76 75	40 94		2 67	1 00	P 25 00
Centreville "	J W Lambert.....	450 00	379 00	61 75	61 75		3 00	2 00	25 00
Petroleum "	J T Carroll.....	375 00	160 76	20 00	20 00			1 10	25 00
		\$8,405 00	\$6,591 46	\$1,268 50	\$956 70		\$55 67	\$122 05	\$1,110 00
Charleston District	S E Steele, P E.....								
Station	E W Ryan.....	\$1,000 00	\$800 00	\$80 00	\$8 00	\$6 00	\$5 00	\$6 65	120 00
Circuit	A T Morriston.....	450 00	332 65	80 00	8 00	3 50	1 28	2 35	P 40 00
East Charl'stn "	B Hagar.....	360 00	185 58	50 00	5 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	
Malden "	H Scott.....	580 00	543 28	65 00	6 50	2 50	1 50	25	P 50 00
Nicholas "	F H J King.....	610 00	355 20	80 00	38 73	4 00	2 00	1 25	P 25 00
Mount'n Cove "	G R Copeland.....	320 00	258 29	80 00	8 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	P 24 00
Hartford City "	G Crossfield.....	460 00	367 00	80 00	72 42	4 00	1 00	1 00	60 00
Mason City "	L D King, 3 mo.....	112 50	112 50	60 00	48 49	3 00	1 50		
	A S Curtis, 9 mo.....	190 00	190 00						
Clifton "	L L Stewart.....	600 00	505 00	50 00	28 87	3 00	3 00	8 00	P 80 00
Pt. Pleasant "	F A Trippett.....	500 00	449 00	65 00	53 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	P 100 00
Letart & Leon "	J W Griffiths.....	500 00	451 89	70 00	70 00	3 50	3 00	3 00	39 00
Mill Creek "	C R Shackelford.....	340 00	225 00	80 00	76 50	3 00	2 00	3 00	12 00
Ripley "	R H Hughes, sup.....	220 00	161 91	50 00	50 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	
Spencer "	N C Beckley.....	600 00	199 57	80 00	45 60	4 00	1 00	1 00	
Smithville "	E D W King.....	476 00	410 00	70 00	53 63	3 00	2 00	2 50	24 00
Arnoldsburg "	L D Heatherly.....	250 00	101 50	60 00	60 00	2 00		1 00	
Pleasant Retreat.	T P Ryan.....	435 00	239 35	65 00	55 05	3 00	1 00		P 20 00
Elk River "	J T Davis.....	425 00	274 85	70 00	70 00	3 00		2 00	P 25 00
Clay "	A L Curtis, 3 mo.....		2 50	40 00	5 00				
		\$8,428 50	\$6,165 07	\$1,275 00	\$1,082 29	\$5 9 00	\$31 78	\$38 00	\$619 00

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RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders.		Bishops' Fund.		Conference Collection.	For Parsonages, & House Rent.
	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.		
Morgantown.....	\$ 10,102 50	\$ 9,302 13	\$ 1,050 00	\$ 1,051 49	\$82 00	\$54 00	\$ 168 08	\$1,272 50
Wheeling.....	13,552 00	12,435 59	1,150 00	1,081 06	100 00	78 00	351 86	1,894 00
Clarksburg.....	6,667 00	5,601 76	1,000 00	864 91	60 00	19 10	85 80	505 50
Buckhannon.....	5,567 66	4,423 25	985 00	941 32	45 00	19 10	35 10	418 34
Parkersburg.....	8,405 00	6,591 46	1,208 50	956 70	.....	55 67	122 05	1,010 00
Charleston.....	8,428 50	6,165 07	1,275 00	1,082 29	59 00	31 78	38 00	619 00
Guyandotte.....	5,439 00	3,270 10	1,050 00	971 03	40 00	13 50	43 00	285 00
	\$ 58,161 66	\$ 47,849 36	\$ 7,718 50	\$ 6,948 80	\$386 00	\$300 85	\$843 89	\$6,004 34

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. K. DIX, Chairman.

E. T. MOORE, Secretary.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1878.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probationers	Full Members.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Morgantown District.....	2	190	1	3	1	.....	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 1,500	1	19	100	\$ 20 25	\$ 75 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 85 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 30 50		
" Station.....	401	2	2	2	2	30	6	5,000	.....	.....	7	72	395	10 10	13 50	.....	13 50	.....	6 60	50	50	35	40	30 50	
" Circuit.....	401	356	2	2	10	55	6	5,000	.....	.....	6	50	300	3 68	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	
Smithtown.....	5	608	5	11	12	23	8	7,000	1	800	6	93	350	22 00	30 00	.....	30 00	15 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	
Monongalia.....	406	10	5	1	15	15	6	10,000	1	700	6	18	250	1 25	6 30	.....	6 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Brandonville.....	212	1	4	4	19	17	4	3,400	1	300	6	60	245	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant Hill.....	2	100	.....	4	10	.....	2	1,200	.....	.....	2	20	92	4 00	20 00	.....	20 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	
Grantsville.....	37	208	.....	.....	5	2	2	12,000	1	3,600	5	40	200	22 15	37 04	20 46	57 50	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Kingwood.....	24	235	1	3	12	24	6	4,000	.....	.....	5	44	224	3 00	7 00	.....	7 00	50	.....	60	75	.....	50	.....	
Masontown.....	34	316	2	3	7	12	4	4,500	1	1,200	3	30	173	29 00	36 44	3 56	40 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	4 50	1 75	8 00	.....	
Oakland.....	13	175	2	1	.....	.....	1	1,200	.....	.....	5	45	160	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Deer Park.....	8	121	2	1	10	.....	2	2,800	.....	.....	1	10	90	1 75	9 10	.....	9 10	1 25	50	1 15	75	.....	50	.....	
Newburg.....	369	1	1	1	1	1	5	6,000	1	300	5	22	150	4 00	6 00	.....	6 00	78	60	60	60	60	60	60	
Evansville.....	7	272	.....	3	1	26	3	1,600	1	400	8	77	363	2 27	2 06	.....	2 06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant Grove.....	33	315	.....	2	16	42	1	18,000	1	2,500	1	17	200	13 39	7 82	32 18	40 00	14 35	1 00	1 75	1 75	1 00	1 00	13 39	
Grafton.....	25	315	1	2	.....	4	5	5,000	.....	.....	5	46	360	5 00	6 00	.....	6 00	44	25	60	20	30	44	.....	
Knottsville.....	5	90	.....	.....	1	14	1	5,000	.....	.....	1	15	100	3 00	3 47	.....	3 47	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	
Fetterman.....	15	571	4	6	2	60	9	10,000	1	1,200	7	70	450	7 00	13 00	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 75	.....	
Palatine.....	208	7	50	1	2	.....	5	2,000	1	650	8	80	320	.....	6 50	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
St. George.....	7	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....	1	6	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Thornton.....	35	262	4	2	40	17	6	3,500	.....	.....	7	60	312	9 00	13 95	3 05	17 00	3 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	50	50	.....	
Selbysport & Johnst'n	5	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	3,000	.....	.....	1	21	65	.....	1 95	.....	1 95	.....	25	25	25	25	42	28	
Rowlesburg.....	252	582	3	61	157	344	85	\$120,550	11	\$12,550	97	915	4933	\$161 84	\$307 13	\$69 25	\$ 376 38	\$ 85 35	\$23 82	\$ 9 60	\$11 95	\$ 26 40	\$ 4 97	\$ 66 76	
Wheeling District.....	31	333	.....	7	6	16	1	\$ 70,000	1	\$ 4,000	2	56	474	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$400 00	\$ 500 00	\$130 60	\$100 00	\$ 5 00	\$10 00	\$100 00	\$25 00	\$ 25 00	
Fourth Street.....	25	230	.....	2	50	10	1	9,000	1	2,000	1	30	400	42 00	37 00	10 00	47 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	13 00	
North Street.....	2	138	1	2	5	2	1	16,000	1	2,500	1	21	180	50 00	31 00	41 00	72 00	30 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	16 00	
Thompson Church	14	205	2	2	15	10	1	18,000	.....	.....	1	19	130	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	20 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	11 35	
Zane Street.....	17	222	1	2	28	3	1	7,000	1	2,200	1	33	300	56 00	100 00	67 00	167 00	12 00	12 00	2 50	2 50	12 00	1 00	8 00	
Chapline Street.....	100	140	.....	2	27	21	1	8,000	.....	.....	1	23	300	9 00	.....	14 00	14 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	20 00	.....	
Wesley Chapel.....	8	75	.....	.....	20	18	2	4,000	.....	.....	1	10	75	5 00	24 00	.....	24 00	.....	1 00	25	20	50	25	.....	
Fulton.....	5	380	3	3	4	18	6	6,000	1	800	8	75	350	11 00	22 00	.....	22 00	12 00	1 25	1 00	1 20	1 50	50	.....	
Marshall.....	12	113	.....	2	12	6	1	4,500	.....	.....	1	16	115	2 61	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	1 10	.....	
Benwood.....	6	265	1	2	6	15	.....	.....	1	800	1	22	180	4 25	16 00	4 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Moundsville.....	19	172	.....	2	1	1	4	1,750	.....	.....	1	15	75	7 00	7 00	.....	7 00	50	50	25	1 00	1 00	1 40	5 60	
New Martinsville.....	47	200	3	1	.....	7	3,000	1	300	10	35	300	.....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Greene.....	40	210	.....	1	15	2	3,000	1	1,600	2	27	131	12 00	7 10	24 40	31 50	5 95	7 00	1 50	4 00	6 00	1 00	15 07	.....	
Cameron.....		375	3	2		3	8	10,000			8	84	446	10 00	44 00	6 00	50 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	
Grave Creek.....	11	375	1	3	2	12	3	2,000	1	600	3	50	300	3 00	8 00	7 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Dallas.....	18	170	.....	1	4	6	2	13,000	1	450	2	14	90	25 00	35 00	.....	35 00	5 50	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 83	
Short Creek & Liberty	15	140	.....	2	10	8	1	5,000	1	3,000	1	14	100	10 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	3 20	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	
Triadelphia.....	380	3735	15	37	210	164	42	\$180,250	11	\$18,250	45	544	3946	\$351 86	\$466 10	\$583 40	\$1,049 50	\$218 55	\$148 95	\$20 35	\$30 45	\$144 70	\$39 40	\$119 70	

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE,

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab.Schools		Benevolent Collections.													
	Prob'ners	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	Fo- Missions.				Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Socie- ty.	Education.	American Bible Society
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Clarksburg District.....	3	159	2	2	.....	2	1	\$ 11,000	.....	.....	1	17	169	\$ 5 45	9 75	\$ 3 00	\$ 12 75	.....	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 14 50
West Milford.....	16	415	4	3	3	8	8	7,500	1	\$ 600	3	25	135	5 00	27 00	.....	27 00	.....	3 00	25	.....	25	1 00	25	.....
Wilsonburg.....	10	337	3	3	8	19	7	5,800	.....	.....	6	47	264	4 00	10 00	2 25	12 25	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Camp.....	10	341	2	3	3	37	6	2,400	1	200	6	32	300	5 00	3 50	1 50	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smithton.....	8	872	.....	.....	6	10	4	2,500	1	300	3	21	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lumberport.....	.....	400	4	1	2	20	5	3,000	1	300	4	24	200	1 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown.....	10	320	4	3	.....	18	6	8,350	1	1,350	5	36	250	3 65	9 75	.....	9 75	.....	25	20	70	95	15	3 70	.....
Bridgeport.....	4	156	1	2	.....	17	3	3,000	.....	.....	3	16	95	3 00	4 29	3 24	7 53	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 10	.....
Fairmont.....	4	105	2	1	2	6	1	6,000	1	1,500	1	11	85	4 20	12 85	19 15	32 09	.....	2 99	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....
Marion.....	35	367	.....	.....	10	20	6	6,000	1	325	6	40	425	5 50	13 08	26 92	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 24	.....	11 10	.....
Mannington.....	2	530	6	3	1	90	10	5,000	1	1,200	6	60	300	6 00	15 30	4 70	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10	.....
Pine Grove.....	39	325	6	6	34	13	4	1,250	.....	.....	7	47	240	6 00	4 00	6 00	10 00	.....	1 00	1 00	75	1 00	75	1 00	.....
Blacksville.....	17	280	2	1	.....	50	4	3,000	.....	.....	4	25	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Jollytown.....	3	461	2	2	1	71	7	6,000	1	400	8	40	500	30 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Littleton.....	11	126	3	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksburg District.....	172	5294	43	32	70	388	62	\$ 72,800	9	\$ 6,170	63	444	3238	\$ 79 80	\$185 52	\$ 66 76	\$ 202 28	\$.45	\$14 13	\$ 4 45	\$ 5 60	\$11 69	\$ 3 15	\$32 65	.....
Buckhannon District...	4	200	1	2	2	10	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 700	3	25	160	\$ 2 60	\$ 2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Station.....	10	380	4	4	.....	13	6	6,000	.....	.....	6	40	300	5 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit.....	35	503	6	4	.....	53	8	4,500	1	700	9	34	340	2 00	13 59	.....	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	.....	366	5	3	6	7	8	3,000	.....	.....	5	23	174	1 30	4 25	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upshur.....	.....	302	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,000	.....	.....	2	15	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beverly.....	21	275	4	3	2	12	5	2,500	.....	.....	6	30	156	3 00	5 00	\$ 2 00	7 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton.....	41	104	1	2	16	2	1	200	.....	.....	4	20	86	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster.....	20	625	4	2	.....	20	8	4,700	1	450	8	52	260	8 00	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	4 00	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 50	.....
Frenchton.....	9	341	2	1	1	55	8	1,000	.....	.....	10	50	225	2 00	7 00	2 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Canaan.....	4	156	1	3	4	2	3	3,500	1	1,800	3	29	209	3 00	13 37	1 63	15 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	27	415	2	3	.....	15	5	3,600	.....	.....	9	63	260	2 50	3 25	75	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 71	.....	.....	.....
Glenville.....	36	72	.....	1	4	26	1	150	.....	.....	4	32	160	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Randolph.....	9	350	4	3	.....	13	6	4,000	.....	.....	5	62	250	6 32	9 22	1 66	10 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Freemansburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	216	4089	39	31	35	228	67	\$ 37,650	4	\$ 3,650	74	472	2636	\$ 37 12	\$109 59	\$ 8 04	\$ 117 63		\$10 70	\$.50	\$.50	\$ 4 46	\$ 2 00	\$.50	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sch. Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probaters	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach- ers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y	Sunday Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.	
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Parkersburg District...	20	320	1	1	10	25	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 7,500	1	36	245	\$ 60 00	\$ 211 45	\$ 59 44	270 89	\$ 25 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00		
" Station.....	10	400	2	5	56	8	8	3,850	1	200	7	64	297	10 00	1 25	6 75	8 00	50	1 75	50	50	50	50		
" Circuit.....	3	70	1	2	2	1	1	2,500	1	600	1	10	67	2 50	3 72	3 28	7 00	1 75	50	50	50	50	.....	.....	
Williamstown.....	25	283	2	3	3	8	5	5,200	1	700	4	21	160	1 40	1 25	20	1 45	20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 85	.....	.....	
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	132	1	2	8	3	1	1,600	1	600	1	10	105	10 00	12 00	8 00	20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	
Volcano.....	6	308	1	7	1	8	3	2,000	1	700	7	70	330	2 50	5 25	.....	5 25	1 25	70	50	1 25	.....	.....	\$ 2 70	
Bellville.....	18	152	2	6	5	3	3	3,000	1	1,200	3	38	150	1 35	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	60	80	80	95	2 55	
Ravenswood.....	16	411	1	2	6	10	6	7,000	1	1,200	6	64	350	6 20	23 72	2 38	26 10	1 15	60	90	80	95	5 70		
Harrisville.....	18	133	1	2	7	3	3	3,200	1	500	2	22	130	5 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8 25		
Elizabeth.....	30	433	2	8	17	5	5	4,000	.....	.....	7	65	336	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	3 00	.....	6 00	1 50	.....	8 00		
Ellenboro.....	16	89	3	2	8	5	2	2,500	.....	.....	2	10	120	3 25	4 80	1 50	6 30	1 00	30	50	1 15	50	6 25		
West Union.....	13	267	4	1	1	7	3	3,700	.....	.....	5	45	232	6 25	19 00	5 00	24 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00		
Sistersville.....	.....	350	4	1	.....	4	4	2,650	1	500	4	32	180	1 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Middlebourne.....	50	433	3	3	56	4	4	800	.....	.....	7	45	300	2 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Centreville.....	12	89	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	70	.....	3 62	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	
Petroleum.....	233	3910	28	35	53	206	53	\$ 82,000	8	\$ 12,400	60	548	3072	\$ 121 45	\$ 315 06	\$ 90 55	405 61	\$ 26 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 6 15	\$ 13 40	\$ 11 80	\$ 4 45	\$ 33 45	
Charleston District.....	16	178	1	4	4	1	1	\$ 12,000	.....	.....	1	12	85	\$ 6 65	\$ 19 00	.....	19 00	.....	.....	\$ 1 70	\$ 1 30	.....	.....	.....	
" Station.....	.....	188	1	1	.....	2	2	2,000	.....	.....	3	25	135	1 35	3 15	1 85	5 00	.....	\$ 1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
" Circuit.....	56	257	2	7	4	14	6	4,000	1	300	4	36	220	1 00	1 00	1 25	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
East Charleston.....	22	174	2	3	1	7	1	3,000	1	\$ 1,000	2	25	150	25	2 50	.....	2 50	25	25	25	\$ 25	.....	\$ 25		
Malden.....	.....	464	3	4	17	6	6	4,000	1	300	12	72	300	1 25	3 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	25	25	50	\$ 1 00	1 00		
Nicholas.....	24	220	5	3	1	3	1	600	1	600	3	26	130	3 00	8 00	.....	8 00	\$ 50	50	50	50	50	50		
Mountain Cove.....	75	203	1	3	20	7	2	3,000	.....	.....	2	32	190	1 00	2 77	9 36	12 13	.....	55	75	.....	57	.....		
Hartford City.....	60	130	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	1	21	200	.....	2 50	2 50	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	65	.....		
Mason City.....	9	105	.....	2	9	5	1	5,000	1	1,200	1	163	149	8 00	5 00	7 00	12 00	1 00	1 00	1 25	1 00	1 00	1 00		
Clifton.....	19	203	.....	2	15	3	3	5,500	1	1,500	2	19	86	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	50	20	.....	25	.....	20		
Point Pleasant.....	63	393	4	2	17	34	6	4,300	1	400	8	60	305	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Letart, &c.....	62	157	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	27	157	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 55	
Mill Creek.....	20	215	3	2	2	1	1	200	.....	.....	.....	87	6 09	.....	6 09	.....	6 09	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	
Ripley.....	55	441	4	6	2	9	5	5,000	1	600	6	72	250	1 00	2 00	50	2 50	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Spencer.....	59	341	4	6	.....	16	8	3,000	.....	.....	8	104	240	2 50	15 00	.....	15 00	1 00	3 50	50	50	1 00	75	1 00	
Smithville.....	21	177	.....	2	13	1	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Arnoldsborg.....	50	209	6	3	7	3	1	300	1	200	3	24	60	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pleasant Retreat.....	50	225	6	2	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	83	2 00	3 49	1 51	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Elk River.....	661	4280	43	55	85	142	40	\$ 50,300	8	\$ 5,800	62	727	2740	\$ 33 87	\$ 93 50	\$ 25 97	119 47	\$ 1 75	\$ 13 10	\$ 5 20	\$ 5 05	\$ 4 75	\$ 4 72	\$ 6 75	

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1878.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Baptism		Church Property.			Sabb Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
	Probati'ns	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.				Woman's F. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Soc'y.	Sunday Sc'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Soci- ety.	Education.	American Bible Society.
															Ch'ches	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Guyandotte District.....	15	117	1	1	12	1	1	3,500	1	1	1	17	153	\$ 10 00	\$ 13 65	\$ 6 35	\$ 20 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 9 15	\$ 15	
“	7	100	1	1	9	1	1	3,000	1	1	1	17	186	12 00	12 00	10 75	22 75	10 00	3 00	85	85	2 00	50	10 25	
Huntington & Ceredo	53	132	1	1	1	22	2	3,000	1	1	1	17	186	4 00	9 57	43	10 00								
Barboursville.....	45	274	4	1	18	3	3	3,000	1	1	1	30	200	1 00	1 00	50	1 50								
Wayne.....	115	213	2	4	48	5	4	2,100	1	1	1	29	100	3 00	8 22	1 78	10 00		50		25	1 00	5 10		
Monticello.....	75	275	3	3	6	2	4	1,200	1	1	1	30	250	5 00	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	30	25	25	.....	2 51	.....	
Winfield.....	85	170	7	3	2	15	2	400	1	1	1	21	145	1 00	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Hamlin.....	75	170	7	3	2	15	2	900	1	1	1	15	70	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coal River.....	37	133	4	1	16	12	2	900	1	1	1	15	70	1 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	39	20	25	25	15	5 17	
St. Albans & Milton...	51	163	1	1	39	1	1	500	1	1	1	6	25	2 00	5 42	58	6 00	10 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Boone.....	25	158	4	2	5	3	3	700	1	1	1	26	150	2 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Fayette.....	48	203	3	1	1	3	1	390	1	1	1	14	12	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mercer.....	26	103	3	1	1	3	1	390	1	1	1	6	50	2 00	3 00	.....	3 00	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	
Raleigh & Summers...	8	89	1	1	4	1	1	390	1	1	1	6	90	2 00	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	50	25	.....	50	.....	.....	
Coalburgh.....	8	89	1	1	4	1	1	390	1	1	1	6	90	2 00	1 50	.....	1 50	.....	50	25	.....	50	.....	.....	
Wyoming & McDowell	40	239	4	1	7	1	1	300	1	1	1	7	27	1 50	1 75	75	2 50	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	
Cassville.....	21	120	1	5	1	3	1	300	1	1	1	3	18	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Logan.....	38	120	2	5	6	1	1	300	1	1	1	3	18	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	664	3060	46	32	50	188	25	\$ 18,200	5	\$ 1,450	45	254	1686	\$ 42 00	\$ 73 96	\$ 22 14	\$ 96 10	\$ 47 56	\$ 6 10	\$ 1 95	\$ 1 85	\$ 5 50	\$.65	\$ 33 70	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Membership.				Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools.			Benevolent Collections.											
	Probati'ns	Full Mem bers.	L. Preachers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's For. Miss. Society.	For Board of Church Extension	For Tract Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Freed- man's Aid Society.	For Education.	Bible.
															Ch'ches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.							
Morgantown	252	5821	30	61	157	344	85	\$120,550	11	\$12,550	97	915	4,933	\$161 84	\$ 307 13	\$ 69 25	\$ 376 38	\$ 85 35	\$ 23 82	\$ 9 60	\$11 95	\$ 26 40	\$ 4 97	\$ 65 76
Wheeling.....	380	3735	15	37	210	164	42	180,250	11	18,250	45	544	3,943	351 86	466 10	583 40	1,049 50	218 55	148 95	20 35	30 45	144 70	39 40	119 70
Clarksburg.....	172	5294	43	32	70	388	62	72,800	9	6,170	63	444	3,238	79 80	135 52	66 76	202 28	45	14 13	4 45	5 60	11 63	3 15	32 65
Buckhannon	216	4089	39	31	35	228	67	37,650	4	3,650	74	472	2,636	37 12	109 59	8 04	117 63	.....	10 70	50	50	4 46	2 00	50
Parkersburg	233	3910	28	35	53	206	53	82,000	8	12,400	80	548	3,072	121 45	315 06	90 55	405 61	26 00	18 00	6 15	13 40	11 80	4 45	33 45
Charleston...	661	4280	43	55	85	142	40	50,300	8	5,800	62	727	2,740	33 87	93 51	25 97	119 47	1 75	13 10	5 20	5 05	4 75	4 72	6 75
Guyandotte	664	3060	46	32	50	188	25	18,200	5	1,450	45	254	1,686	42 00	73 96	22 14	96 10	47 56	6 10	1 95	1 85	5 50	65	33 70
Total.....	2578	30189	244	283	660	1660	374	\$561,750	56	\$60,270	446	3004	22251	\$827 94	\$1,500 86	\$ 86 11	\$2,366 97	\$379 66	\$234 80	\$48 20	\$68 80	\$209 30	\$59 34	\$293 51

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WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M., October 1, 1879.

Opening Services—The West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, began its Thirty-Third session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Morgantown, on the above named day and date, with Bishop Matthew Simpson, D. D., presiding.

The opening services were conducted by Bishop Simpson, who held his first Conference in this city 27 years ago. The fifth chapter of 1st Peter was read, the 798th hymn sung, after which Brothers D. H. K. Dix and Benjamin Ison led in prayer.

The elements of the Lord's Supper were consecrated by the Bishop, and distributed by the Presiding Elders, assisted by Brothers Ison, Trainer, Ryan and Cool. The service was one of great and solemn interest, and was enjoyed by an unusually large number of Ministers and Laymen.

Calling Roll—The roll of the Conference was called by George C. Wilding, Secretary of the last Conference. 119 members responded to their names.

Election of Secretary—On motion of A. C. George, G. C. Wilding was chosen Secretary by acclamation, W. G. Riheldaffer and C. E. Manchester, Assistants, S. B. D. Prickitt and J. Engle, Statistical, and J. B. Feather, Railroad Secretary.

Conference Hours—On motion, it was ordered that the sessions of Conference open at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 12:15 P. M.

Standing Committees—The following Committees were appointed, viz.:—

On Public Worship.—W. C. Snodgrass, J. W. W. Bolton, J. R. Thompson, S. Lowther.

Board of Stewards—Ministerial.—C. S. Allemong, D. H. K. Dix, H. J. Boatman, W. H. Young, W. E. Loomis, J. T. Davis, G. H. Williams.

On Necessitous Cases.—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

Lay Stewards.—C. Core, James G. White, A. Workman, S. Thompson, E. J. Stone. Dr. C. F. McWhorter, W. W. Riley.

On Education.—J. R. Thompson, A. C. George, L. L. Stewart, J. A. Fullerton, T. Cotton, Joseph Lee, R. L. Brooks.

On Sunday Schools.—S. King, W. E. Rippey, J. H. Hess, L. D. King, A. T. Morriston, G. C. Schaeffer, W. E. Lovett.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts.—B. Ison, W. R. White, C. J. Trippett, H. H. Westwood, T. R. Faulkner, E. H. Orwen, S. E. Jones.

On Tract Cause.—L. H. Jordan, J. M. Warden, J. C. Rexroad, R. Weese, J. F. Chenoweth, N. C. Beckley, U. Pribble.

On Bible Cause.—J. G. Weaver, J. P. Thatcher, J. J. Dolliver, W. W. Kelley, M. McNeel, B. Darlington, D. M. Heaston.

On Temperance.—E. W. Ryan, S. Steele, J. F. Snodgrass, G. C. Crawford, J. W. Griffiths, S. C. Loomis, J. Conwell.

To Audit Presiding Elders' Accounts.—J. T. Eichelberger, W. D. Carrico, R. S. Welch, E. C. Woodruff, H. Scott, F. H. J. King, A. Mick.

On Church Extension.—The Presiding Elders.

On the Observance of the Sabbath.—D. Cool, A. Hall, C. H. Lakin, G. Crossfield, B. D. Mahone, J. W. Bedford, C. W. Upton.

On Publication of the Minutes.—The Secretaries.

On Funds for the Publication of Minutes—W. J. Sharpes, I. C. Paugh, J. E. Mercer, J. W. Lambert, E. D. W. King, W. Wristen, C. Warman.

On Freedman's Aid Society.—The Presiding Elders.

On Post-Offices.—J. W. Hess, G. W. Parriott, J. P. Varner, C. Poling, E. C. Woodruff, T. P. Ryan, J. C. Sidebottom.

On Statistics.—The Secretaries.

Conference Treasurer.—R. M. Wallace.

Assistant Treasurer.—S. R. Dawson.

To Examine District Conference Journals.—J. E. Wasson, W. F. Cannon, T. H. Trainer, J. Engle, W. Prettyman, D. S. Hammond, G. Rogers.

To Prepare a List of Standing Committees Next Year.—The Presiding Elders:

On Conference Relations.—W. M. West, H. C. Sanford, T. H. Trainer, S. E. Jones, G. Crossfield, J. T. Carroll, J. C. Sidebottom.

On Memoirs.—A. Hall, M. McNeel, L. L. Stewart.

Conference Stewards—E. J. Stone was, in absence of the regular appointee, made Conference Steward of Wheeling District; Dr. C. F. McWhorter, of Buckhannon District; W. W. Riley, of Charleston District.

Triers of Appeals—On motion of D. H. K. Dix, the Triers of Appeals shall be named by the Bishop and elected by the Conference

Visitors—The following Brethren were introduced to the Conference: Rev. John Miley, D. D., of Drew Theological Seminary, Rev. S. M. Baumgardner, of the Evangelical Association, Rev. J. B. Dickey, of the Morgantown Presbyterian Church, Rev. A. Wheeler, D. D., Editor of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, Rev. J. L. Stiffey, of the Pittsburgh Conference, and Rev. Joseph Horner, D. D., of the Pittsburgh Depository.

Papers—Various papers were presented and, on motion, referred to appropriate committees.

Special Collections—On motion of E. W. Ryan, it was ordered that no collections be taken without the approval and consent of the Committee on Public Worship, during any sessions of the Conference.

Chartered Fund—The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the above fund to the amount of \$30. On motion the draft was ordered.

Disciplinary Questions—The 10th question of the General Minutes was taken up: "Was the character of each preacher examined?"

The character of J. W. W. Bolton, Presiding Elder of the Morgantown District, was passed. He reported the Disciplinary plan concerning Missions had been carried out, and the general inter-

ests of the church looked after. Church debts had been liquidated, parsonages and churches completed. Preachers had been earnest, devoted and successful, and God's presence had been wonderfully manifest. The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed, each reporting his collections for Missionary and Necessitous Cases: S. Lowther, N. B. Johnson, J. E. Wasson, J. G. Weaver, F. G. W. Ford, L. H. Jordan, D. Cool, B. Ison, J. S. Laughlin, S. King, W. M. West, J. W. Hess, W. J. Sharpes, C. S. Allemong, J. T. Eichelberger, N. L. Baumgardner, J. R. Thompson.

WHEELING DISTRICT.—W. C. Wilson, Presiding Elder, reported that the preachers were at their posts early in the year, and labored successfully. Many conversions at different points were reported. One church had been built, and others are in process of erection. Attention has been given to the payment of debts of long standing. The financial condition of the District was reported as encouraging.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed: A. C. George, S. Steele, G. C. Wilding, G. E. Hite, W. R. White, W. E. Rippey, F. A. Trippett, H. C. Sanford, W. G. Riheldaffer, J. M. Warden, W. D. Carrico, G. W. Parriott, A. Hall, W. F. Cannon, J. P. Thatcher, E. S. Wilson, D. H. K. Dix, F. W. Wood.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.—Gideon Martin, Presiding Elder, reported that the Disciplinary plan had been carried out. Arrangements are being made for the erection of several parsonages, and the repairs of several churches. There have been about six hundred conversions reported, and a very large per cent. of probationers saved to the church. The spiritual interests of the District showed a steady advance. The preachers had been faithful, and the Presiding Elder had not lost an appointment on account of sickness for two years.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed: M. W. Rider, C. H. Lakin, R. S. Welch, J. H. Hess, J. C. Rexroad, H. J. Boatman, J. B. Feather, L. L. Stewart, J. J. Dolliver, T. H. Trainer, C. H. Conway, J. F. Snodgrass, C. J. Trippett. J. G. Blair, Principal of the State Normal School, at Fairmont, was reported as having passed from labor to reward.

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.—T. B. Hughes, Presiding Elder, reported. The ministers were prompt and successful. There were 800 conversions reported. Rev. F. M. Hughes passed away in

great peace, September 13th. Successful work had been done in removing indebtedness of long standing.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed : W. E. Loomis, W. E. Lovett, G. Rogers, J. Conwell, R. Weese, S. E. Jones, A. Mick, C. Warman.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.—J. L. Clark, Presiding Elder, reported that the preachers had been faithful and successful. Several churches have been built, and one bought. Old debts had been paid in a number of cases. Financial interests somewhat advanced, spiritual interests decidedly so. Brother Clark although 65 years of age had never known what it was to be tired.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed : C. E. Manchester, J. F. Chenoweth, C. Crawford, L. D. King, J. A. Fullerton, E. C. Woodruff, W. H. Shaw, W. H. Young, H. H. Westwood, W. W. Kelley, R. M. Wallace, G. Crossfield.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.—S. E. Steele, Presiding Elder, reported the preachers as having been promptly on the field and wonderfully blessed in their work. Nearly 800 souls had been converted. Three churches had been built and dedicated. His health had been good and he had been able to do full duty.

The names of the following Effective Elders were called and their characters passed: S. B. D. Prickitt, T. Cotton, W. A. Cheuvront, A. T. Morriston, T. R. Faulkner, W. Prettyman, J. W. Griffiths, N. C. Beckley, J. T. Carroll, M. McNeel, E. D. W. King, T. P. Ryan, J. T. Davis.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.—J. Wesley Webb, Presiding Elder, gave an unique report of his work. There have been many conversions. He went on the District to build churches, and, with the help of the Lord was succeeding. The District is large, and the work very laborious, but the preachers had been faithful, and God's presence realized. A number of parsonages were being built, and the general work advancing, but more young, earnest, vigorous men were needed.

The characters of the following Effective Elders were passed : J. Lee, G. C. Schaeffer, S. C. Loomis, G. H. Williams, B. Darlington, B. Hagar, J. W. Bedford, F. H. J. King, E. H. Orwen, W. Wriston, J. C. Sidebottom.

A motion having been made to adjourn, the Minutes were read, W. Prettyman appointed to open Conference to-morrow, the doxology was sung and Dr. A. Wheeler pronounced the benediction.

Conference Sermon.—At 7 P. M., S.B.D. Prickitt, of Charleston, preached the Conference Sermon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, from Acts 14:7. Theme—Preaching the Gospel.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, October 2, 1879.

The Conference session opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Simpson presiding.

Opening Services—Wesley Prettyman conducted the religious exercises. The Scripture lesson was Isaiah 61 and the 770 Hymn was sung. Prayer was offered by W. Prettyman.

On motion of J. L. Clark, the calling of the roll was omitted.

Resolutions—From the West Virginia University tendering the use of Commencement Hall for Sunday, and inviting the Conference to visit the Faculty and students on Friday A. M., were read, also a response on the part of Conference accepting the offers. The resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of \$200 out of the funds now in the hands of the Conference Educational Society be loaned to S. Lowther, to enable him to complete the course of study at Drew Theological Seminary.

[Signed.]

W. C. SNODGRASS,
GEO. C. WILDING.

The resolution was adopted.

The Secretary announced the need of an Assistant Railroad Secretary, and, on motion, H. H. Westwood was appointed.

On motion of W. C. Snodgrass, W. R. White and J. A. Fullerton were appointed to assist Dr. Miley in attending to the collection of subscriptions made last year to the Jones' Memorial Fund of Drew Theological Seminary. Dr. Miley addressed the Conference.

On motion of W. R. White, J. F. Chenoweth was elected Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society.

Disciplinary Questions—The 6th Question of the General Minutes, "Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?" was taken up, and the Committee on the Course of Study reported.

Presiding Elders represented them, and the characters of the following Deacons were passed: Charles J. Price, D. S. Hammond,

A. C. Law (granted a certificate of location at his own request), James E. Mercer, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, C. W. Upton, C. Poling (continued in his present relation), D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert, I. C. Paugh.

The seventh question of the General Minutes—"Who have been elected and ordained Elders?"—was taken up; the Committee on the Course of study reported, the Presiding Elders gave their representations, collections announced, and the characters of the following were passed, and they were elected to Elders Orders: H. Scott, S. Cummings, C. R. Shackelford, C. S. Harrison, A. D. Perry, C. W. Upton.

The fourth question of the General Minutes—"Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up and the names of L. D. Heatherly, U. Pribble, G. R. Copeland, C. F. Johnson and J. P. Varner were called. All came forward and after being asked the usual questions, and answering the same satisfactorily, were addressed by the Bishop in thrilling language concerning the duties, the responsibilities and the influence of the Christian Ministry.

L. D. Heatherly, G. R. Copeland and J. P. Varner were reported upon favorably by the Committee of Examination, represented by their Presiding Elders, their characters passed and they were received into full connection. U. Pribble was acted upon in the same manner, save that he was excused from going before the Committee on Examination, he having completed the studies. C. F. Johnson had not been before the Committee.

Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.—The financial exhibit of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Dr. Alfred Wheeler addressed the Conference in the interests of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, of which he is the editor.

Reports.—A report from the Trustees of Allegheny College was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

A. C. George presented a report from the Commission appointed at the last Conference, in reference to the establishment of a Conference Seminary. (See Report.)

On motion of J. W. W. Bolton, the report as read, was received, adopted and referred to the Committee on Education.

A. C. George presented the report of the Treasurer of the Educational Society, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Introductions.—Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., of the Church Extension Society; Rev. Wm. Taylor, D. D., of the South Indian Mission, and the rest of the world, and Rev. G. W. Jackson, of the Washington Conference, were introduced. Dr. Taylor addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. W. Webb, S. Steele was appointed Conference Reporter for the *Wheeling Register*. Dr. Wheeler spoke briefly.

W. C. Snodgrass presented a resolution governing the election of Delegates to the General Conference, and fixing the time of election at 10 A. M. Friday.

The Board of Stewards made a partial report.

The ninth question of the General Minutes—"Who are the Superannuated preachers?"—was taken up, and the characters of the following brethren were passed, and their present relation continued: A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones. Letters from F. Guthrie and S. D. Jones were read, which, on motion, were referred to the Board of Stewards. B. F. Rogers, R. Northcraft, J. B. Pinchen were also passed. J. N. Eckess' name was called, and a paper from his Presiding Elder in Kansas, was referred to the Board of Stewards. R. Brooks was made effective. J. W. Reger's present relation was continued. Also C. Connor.

The eighth question of the General Minutes—"Who are the Supernumerary preachers?"—was taken up and the names of the following were called, and their relations continued; E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, A. J. Lyda, V. Sanford, R. L. Woodyard, S. Hitchens and T. W. Chidister.

R. M. Wallace was changed from effective to superannuated on account of sickness.

The relation of W. H. Shaw was changed to superannuated.

The relation of S. Lowther was changed from effective to supernumerary, in order that he might attend Drew Theological Seminary.

The relation of C. Crawford was changed to Supernumerary in order that he might attend the Ohio Wesleyan University.

A motion to adjourn pending, the Minutes were read, announcements made, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by C. C. McCabe.

Rev. Wm. Taylor, the founder of self-supporting missions in India, preached at 8 o'clock A. M., in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At 3 o'clock Dr. Taylor preached again in the same place.

Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, spoke in the interests of that work, on Thursday evening, to an immense audience, in his happiest style.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 3, 9 A. M.

The Conference assembled at the usual hour; Bishop Simpson presiding.

Opening Exercises.—The religious services were conducted by D. H. K. Dix. The 113th Psalm was read, the 52d hymn sung, and Brother Dix prayed.

Disciplinary Question.—The third question of the General Minutes, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up and the Committee reported and characters of the following were passed: David L. Ash, E. G. Harburt, R. H. Hughes, and they were continued on trial.

Communication.—A communication from the Marion County Sunday School Convention asking for the appointment of delegates to a State Convention to be hereafter called, was received and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Appeal Case.—The Bishop named the Committee in the case of B. F. Shue, as follows: T. H. Trainer chairman, B. Ison, J. F. Snodgrass, A. T. Morriston, G. C. Schaeffer, E. W. Ryan, R. S. Welch, J. Conwell, L. D. King, E. D. W. King, F. H. J. King, S. King. Attorneys: For the Prosecution, J. T. Carroll; Defense, N. C. Beckley.

Resolution.—A resolution to loan \$150 to C. Crawford to assist him in gaining an education, was adopted.

Church Extension.—The report of the Conference Board of Church Extension was read, and placed on file.

Memorial—A Memorial to the General Conference asking for

an increase of the members in Boards of Stewards of one from each society on circuits, was presented and received.

Report—The Committee to audit Presiding Elders' accounts, reported the accounts correct. Report adopted.

The twenty-first question of the General Minutes—"Have any Local Preachers been ordained?" was taken up and the recommendations were read. Presiding Elders and Committees reported in the cases of the following:

Gideon J. Ferguson, of Morgantown District; George Rine, of Wheeling District; Robert Miller, Clarksburg District; John W. Woodruff, Clarksburg District; William P. Daniels, Buckhannon District; George W. Smith, Buckhannon District; George W. Mooney, Parkersburg District.

Report.—A report of the Jones Fund was made by S. B. D. Prickitt and placed on file.

A Resolution of B. Ison, looking to increased efforts in the direction of Church Extension, was presented and adopted.

The twentieth question of the General Minutes—"Where and when shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up.

Huntington and Buckhannon were placed in nomination. Both places were represented, a vote was taken, and Huntington was agreed upon as the seat of the next Conference.

Report—A report on the Conference Trust Fund was presented by J. L. Clark, received and filed.

Special Order—At 10 o'clock the hour for the election of Delegates to the General Conference having arrived, A. J. Lyda, J. A. Fullerton and W. H. Wiley were elected Tellers. The roll was called and the first ballot was taken.

It was agreed, as follows: 1st. In case more than the requisite names are written on a ballot, the first ones are to be counted until a sufficient number, and no more, are counted on each ballot.

The Tellers retired.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The second question of the General Minutes—"Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. On the call for single men, the name of Albert L. Curtis was called, his recommendation read, he was introduced, Committee reported and he was admitted. Also Samuel Lorentz, Loyd W. Roberts, and James R. Whiteman.

A Resolution presenting a memorial to General Conference, looking to the establishment of a Sustentation Fund was read, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See resolution.)

Lay Conference.—On motion of J. W. Webb, a committee of

QUESTION 20.—“Where and when shall the next Conference be held?”

ANSWER.—Huntington. Time not given.

QUESTION.—“Have any Local Preachers been ordained?”

ANSWER.—Deacons: Gideon J. Ferguson, George Rine, Robert Miller, John W. Woodruff, William P. Daniels, George W. Smith, George W. Mooney, Robert H. Hughes. Elders: Joseph Grubb.

QUESTION 22.—“Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition.

ANSWER.—Allegheny College and Mt. Union College. Both are in a flourishing condition.

QUESTION 23.—“Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?”

ANSWER.—See Conference Officers.



Reports of Committees.

FROM BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Board would respectfully call attention to the following matters of importance :

1. The duty of Preachers to make out their reports and enclose them with their necessitous collections, and have them ready for the Board of Stewards the first day of Conference.
2. The duty of Preachers to press the claims of necessitous cases and Conference claimants more earnestly upon the attention of their congregations. These collections ought to be double what they are.
3. The estimates of Conference claimants are, we are sorry to

say, in many cases extravagant. We respectfully call the attention of Preachers to Article 5 of the Report of the Stewards in printed Minutes of 1878, and would press the same as a rule to guide in all cases in making estimates on this fund.

The Board estimate the needs of Conference claimants, for the ensuing year, at \$3000, and apportion it as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$650 00
Wheeling ".....	850 00
Clarksburg ".....	500 00
Ruckhannon ".....	175 00
Parkersburg ".....	450 00
Charleston ".....	250 00
Guyandotte ".....	125 00
Total.....	\$3000 00

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. K. DIX, Chairman,

E. J. STONE, Secretary.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We are convinced that the use of spirituous or intoxicating liquors, in any form, is extremely dangerous in tendency, and most sadly destructive in its results to both body and soul; and that the common traffic in them is contrary to the Word of God, and vicious in its effects; and that intemperance is one of the most fearful and fatal evils, inflicting distress, destitution and irreparable ruin upon the thousands of its unfortunate victims; therefore,

Resolved 1, That the subject of temperance deserves and shall have our earnest sympathy;

2, That we will use our influence to work up a vigorous and healthy temperance sentiment in all communities where we labor;

3, That we will give special attention to this subject in our Sunday Schools.

E. W. RYAN, Chairman,

S. C. LOOMIS, Secretary.

[PURE AND CHEAP SACRAMENTAL WINE.—"*Resolved*, That we recommend the use of none but pure, unfermented juice of the grape on our Sacramental occasions."—*Action of General Conference M. E. Church, 1876. See Discipline, p. 376.*

Those who abhor the use of alcoholic Wine at the Lord's table will be delighted with the following formula furnished by Mr. James Reed, a prominent Druggist of Wheeling, W. Va. :

Take pure grape juice, just from the press; heat it to the boiling point; skim, and immediately bottle, cork, and seal with ordinary sealing wax. In other words, put up the skimmed grape juice air tight, as you would fruit. Glass jars may be used instead of bottles. When cold, wrap the bottles or jars in paper, pack in a box, and keep in a cellar or other cool place. It will remain unfermented for years.

Refer to Chapline and Fourth Street Churches.]

ON TRACT CAUSE.

The amount received from the several charges is \$53.87; an increase over last year of \$6.88.

We offer the following:—

Resolved, That we will, as pastors, faithfully present the claims of the Tract Society to our respective charges and ask our people for increased contributions.

N. C. BECKLEY, Charman,

L. H. JORDAN, Secretary.

ON LADIES' AND PASTORS' CHRISTIAN UNION.

We respectfully report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we highly approve the objects of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, and that we earnestly advise all our pastors to employ, on their respective charges, competent Christian women, wherever practicable, to visit the sick, to distribute tracts, to engage in the religious culture of children in the Sabbath School and elsewhere, and to urge them, by personal consecration and effort, to do all in their power to promote the cause of God.

A. C. GEORGE, Chairman.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Protestant Christianity recognizes the right and enjoins the duty of the people to read and study God's Word, and on this account as well as for other reasons must encourage the education of the masses. Our branch of the Protestant Church claims to be second to none in advocating the free and unrestricted use of the Holy Scriptures by the people, and should therefore be ex-

pected to resist every encroachment on the sacred right of the people, and to aid every laudable method for securing this right. The American Bible Society on account of its non-denominational character, as well as for its unsurpassed facilities for supplying the country at cost of publication, and, in cases of necessity, gratuitously, with the Scriptures, commends itself to the hearty sympathy and earnest support of all the churches in the land.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That we will endeavor to maintain our accustomed devotion to the diffusion of Bible knowledge among the people.

Resolved 2, That we will continue our sympathies and help for the duly authorized and worthy agents of the American Bible Society in our midst.

Resolved 3, That we will continue our collections for said Society.

W. W. KELLY, Secretary.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The sanctity of the Sabbath depends largely upon the purity of the Church, and

WHEREAS, Christ has committed to the care of his people, all the institutions of the Bible; therefore

Resolved, That we urge upon all our members to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

D. COOL, Chairman,

J. W. BEDFORD, Secretary.

ON PERIODICALS AND BOOK ACCOUNTS.

We submit the following:—

By a careful examination of the reports of the New York, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Book Concerns, we find a healthy financial condition.

With pleasure we notice the continued increase of our church literature among our people, and we hail with great joy a brighter period for the church; but we regret we do not measure up to our abilities and duty in regard to the circulation of our religious periodicals.

We recommend all our papers to our people, but especially do

we urge a larger patronage of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, believing that a greater increase of its subscription list is necessary to enable the publishers to eliminate the objectional advertisements which disfigure its pages. Taking advantage of the rise in the tide of our secular prosperity we may make that paper what it should be,—a welcome visitor in every Methodist family.*

We also make a favorable mention of the *West Virginia Methodist*, published by Brother J. W. Bedford, at Huntington, and commend it to the attention of our people.

B. Ison, President.

H. H. WESTWOOD, Secretary.

ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We cheerfully report as follows:

There were but two of these Journals submitted to our inspection—one from Guyandotte, the other from Morgantown District

* FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

For the Year ending May 31st, 1879.

INCOME.

From Subscriptions.....	\$12,604 31	
“ Advertisements.....	5,461 37	
Total.....		\$18,065 68

EXPENDITURES.

For Printing Paper.....	\$ 4,235 20	
“ Editor's Salary.....	3,000 00	
“ Composition.....	2,112 50	
“ Business Agent's Salary.....	1,500 00	
“ Press-work and Folding.....	1,240 80	
“ General Expenses.....	1,226 93	
“ Postage.....	1,131 37	
“ Correspondence.....	812 50	
“ Editor's Office Expenses.....	572 00	
“ Wrapping Paper.....	182 59	
Total.....		\$16,022 89

Excess of Income for Year.....		\$ 2,042 79
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ASSETS.

Due from Sundries.....	\$19,579 95	
Cash.....	1,703 15	
Office Furniture and Material.....	1,610 55	
Total.....		\$22,893 65

LIABILITIES.

Due to Sundries.....	\$ 985 23	
Net Assets.....		\$21,908 42

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MOORE, Business Agent.

—both of which we have carefully examined and think correct. They are well executed and properly signed.

The Secretaries, Brothers Orwen and Eichelberger, deserve much credit and many thanks for the great painstaking and artistic skill they have exhibited in getting them up in a most masterly manner.

These Journals are excellent in design and execution, so nearly perfect that it puzzles us to decide which is the better of the two.

Brother Orwen's is in book form, most scrupulously clean and elegantly executed; while Brother Eichelberger's is in manuscript, not quite so scrupulously clean nor so neatly executed, but best in design, having broad marginal indices.

The Presiding Elders' reports in these Journals are concise, pointed and complete.

That of Dr. Webb is topical and more elaborate.

That of Dr. Bolton has the soul of wit, (brevity) and completeness.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WASSON, Chairman.

ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Assuming that God purposes to save the world through the Christian Church, and that the church of the future is now mainly in the Sunday School, it is manifest that that denomination which expects to do its full share of that work must endeavor to bring this agency to the front, and give it the opportunity of exerting its full power in saving souls. Notwithstanding so much has been accomplished in the past, it is still evident that more remains to be done before we bring the work of the Sunday School to that high plane of power and usefulness which it is destined to occupy. It is apparent that in many instances the Sunday School is isolated from the church, and that this isolation tends to prevent the organization and working of our Sunday Schools in full accordance with the plan and purpose of our Book of Discipline; be it therefore

Resolved 1, That we deem it of the utmost importance that the children of our Sunday Schools be brought into the public services of the church, and that this important duty be impressed upon all the church membership, as well as those who are engaged in the Sunday School work.

Resolved 2, That we have implicit confidence in the publishers and directors of our Sunday School literature, and that for variety and excellence it is not surpassed by any other society or publishing house, and inasmuch as these publications are in perfect harmony with the doctrine and usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we do hereby heartily recommend its use.

Resolved 3, That as pastors we will endeavor to meet the full requirement of the Discipline—

1st, By impressing upon the membership of our churches the importance of the Sunday School work, and the true mission of the Sunday School.

2d, By urging upon the parents and guardians of youth the great importance of catechising and instructing them at home as well as in the Sunday School.

3d, By a careful personal supervision of all the work in connection with our Sunday School interests and by organizing our Sunday Schools into missionary societies, and urge upon the children, officers and teachers the great importance of the missionary cause.

4th, By giving due attention in our Sunday-Schools to the great importance of Temperance and abstaining from the use of tobacco, and from everything harmful.

5th, By being present at all meetings of the Sunday-School Board, and watching carefully all the interests of the Sunday-School, and by urging the hearty co-operation of all officers and teachers in organizing and promoting the interests of the teachers' and students' meeting.

Resolved 4th, That we heartily endorse the organizing of District and County Conventions, and that we approve of a call for a State Union Sunday-School Convention to be held before the meeting of the International Sunday School Convention; and that we, as ministers of the West Virginia Conference, will do all in our power to promote the interests of our Sunday-Schools in our State.

We, your committee, report the following collections received for the Sunday-School Union:

Morgantown District.....	\$10 30
Wheeling ".....	23 05
Clarksburg ".....	7 18
Buckhannon ".....	2 50
Parkersburg ".....	6 01
Charleston ".....	2 71
Guyandotte ".....	3 90
Total.....	\$55 65

Respectfully submitted,

SPENCER KING, Chairman,

W. E. RIPPEY, Secretary.

ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education respectfully submit the following report.

The revival of business and the consequent security felt in commercial circles, are favorably affecting the various institutions of learning with which this Conference is connected. The payment of old debts, the endowment of new chairs and the increased number of students all point to better times and renewed interest in educational work.

Allegheny College.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of this old and influential Methodist College shows that it is in a most prosperous and encouraging condition. The college year has opened with about 250 students, a splendid class of young people. The new "Hulings Hall" is about ready for the roof, a commodious and beautiful building. The small debt will be all paid this year.—The endowment is \$184,000, the buildings, grounds, cabinets, libraries, apparatus, etc., are worth \$316,000, a total of \$500,000 worth of property, and out of debt. Allegheny College is a strong and growing institution of learning; one in which all Methodists should take a just pride, and where parents may secure for their children a thorough scholastic training under decidedly Christian influences.

We recommend concurrence with the action of the Erie Conference at its recent session, proposing a change in the charter of Allegheny College, as follows: One representative on the Joint Board of Control being authorized to act for us in the premises. In place of the Board of Trustees and Board of Control, there shall be a Board of twenty-five Trustees, in which shall be vested the entire Government of the College. Of these Trustees, five shall be chosen by each of the patronizing Conferences, and five by the Alumni Association of the College. After the first election, one Trustee shall be annually chosen by each of these bodies, and the term of his office shall be five years.

We suggest also to the other patronizing Conferences such a change in the charter as that the College corporation may have power to fill any vacancies not filled by the patronizing Conferences or the Alumni.

We nominate the following persons as members of the Joint

Board of Control, viz: A. C. George, J. W. W. Bolton, B. F. Martin and Thomas H. Logan, and for Committee of Visitors, E. W. Ryan, C. E. Manchester, D. H. K. Dix, W. C. Brockunier and G. W. Atkinson.

Mount Union College.

The Trustees of Mount Union College report that institution in an excellent condition. It is confidently expected that the College will soon be entirely relieved of its present indebtedness, and enter upon an enlarged career of usefulness. The attendance of students last year was large, and the present college year began with great promise.

We nominate, as a Committee of Supervision, S. E. Steele, G. Martin and J. L. Clark, and as a Committee of Visitation, G. C. Wilding, W. R. White, E. S. Wilson, S. B. D. Prickitt and George C. Sturgiss.

Drew Theological Seminary.

We rejoice in the continued and growing prosperity of Drew Theological Seminary under the able Presidency of J. F. Hurst, D. D., and recommend the appointment of the following Visiting Committee: W. R. White, S. Steele and J. A. Fullerton.

Beaver Female College.

We have received the report of the Board of Trustees of Beaver Female College, R. T. Taylor, D. D., President. The school is represented to be in a flourishing condition, and we commend it to parents seeking a thorough education for their daughters. We nominate the following Visiting Committee: W. C. Wilson, W. C. Snodgrass, J. Wesley Webb and J. Marshall Hagans.

Conference Seminary.

We heartily approve the suggestions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on a Conference Seminary, and recommend the publication of said report in the Minutes of the Conference. We deem it a matter of vital importance to Methodism in West Virginia that such an institution be speedily established, provided that no measures be taken by which the Conference shall become pecuniarily involved.

West Virginia University.

The prosperity of the University of the State is cause for congratulation on the part of every citizen of the State. We commend it to the patronage of our people as a school of thorough culture controlled by christian influences.

Ohio Wesleyan University.

We sincerely rejoice in the growing prosperity of Ohio Wesleyan University, under the accomplished Presidency of Charles H. Payne, D. D., L. L. D. Its faculty, apparatus, ample grounds, splendid buildings and surroundings, and excellent religious influence, all unite to recommend it to the patronage of our people. We recommend the appointment of the following Visiting Committee: A. Hall, B. Ison, C. E. Manchester, and C. F. Scott.

We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint F. W. Wood, Professor in Mt. Union College, and J. R. Thompson, President of the West Virginia University.

J. R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

ON CONFERENCE SEMINARY.

The West Virginia Conference, at its last session in Parkersburg, passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, This Conference has a keen sense of the importance of keeping the higher education of youth under the control of the Christian Church, and fully realizes that where one student can enter a college or a university, a hundred must depend on the academy or seminary for training and instruction, and is deeply impressed with the necessity for a Conference Seminary, of high rank, which shall be not only a help to learning, but also a fountain of piety, and is fully persuaded that Providence will speedily open the door for the accomplishment of our long cherished purpose in this regard; therefore,

Resolved, That we will appoint a commission of five ministers and four laymen to receive any proposals which may be made by individuals or communities, for the establishment of such Conference Seminary, provided that we do not invite proposals from places not accessible or nearly so, by railroad, and that we will not undertake to establish a Seminary in any locality which does not donate to us at least twenty-five thousand dollars in land, buildings or other property, nor except the appointment of a ma-

jority of the Board of Trustees, shall be vested in this Annual Conference.

The Commission asked for in the above resolutions, was appointed, as follows:

Ministers.—A. C. George, W. R. White, Samuel Steele, E. W. Ryan, and D. H. K. Dix.

Laymen.—H. K. List, A. I. Boreman, C. M. Bishop, and Nathan Goff, Sr.

This Commission had a meeting at the Fourth Street M. E. Church, in Wheeling, February 6, 1879. The most of the members were present. Rev. A. C. George, D. D., was elected Chairman and Prof. W. R. White was chosen Secretary.

Two or three places were represented as favorably situated for the location of a Conference Seminary, and as likely to contribute liberally in that direction; but no formal, definite proposals were received.

The Chairman, therefore, was instructed to prepare and publish, in the church and secular papers, an appeal to the friends of education, calling the attention of parties interested to the proposed establishment, at some central and accessible point in this State, of an academic institution, to be under the control of the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This appeal was prepared and furnished as directed, and was printed in the daily papers of Wheeling, in the weekly papers generally throughout the State, and in whole or in part, in the *New York Advocate*, the *Pittsburgh Advocate* and the *Cincinnati Advocate*. In this document the following statement was made: "It is intended that this Seminary shall be for both sexes, and shall provide a higher order of instruction than that of the public schools, and such as is necessary to prepare students for admission to the College or University, or to fit them for the practical duties of business life and the just demands of society. While the Seminary will be under denominational supervision, it will not be a sectarian institution, in any proper sense. It is deemed necessary for the success of such an institution, its efficiency and prosperity, that some Church organization should be responsible for its character and work. Manners and morals will be taught as well as science and literature, and the duty of loving and serving God and of accepting Jesus Christ as the Savior of the soul will be diligently inculcated. In a word, it is hoped to establish a Christian Seminary which shall be not only a help to learning but also a fountain of piety."

"It is believed that such an institution is greatly needed in this State, and that its inauguration and maintenance will be a decided benefit to the people of this Commonwealth. It will furnish to large classes of young men and women a fair preparation for the duties and responsibilities of life; it will constantly minister to the desire for a more liberal education, and increase the number of those sufficiently advanced to enter the doors of the College or University; and it will be the center of moral and religious power for the community and the country. That such a Seminary will be a notable advantage to the town or city in which it may be located is a fact beyond all question. It will increase its wealth, population, and social and religious advantages in large and growing measure. To that fortunate locality the whole Conference and Commonwealth will pay annual tribute, and its name and situation will become a household word in all our borders. The history of every one of the various flourishing Seminaries which the Methodist Episcopal Church has founded and maintained proves the correctness of these observations. It is not unreasonable, therefore, that the city or town desiring the location of such a Seminary in its corporation or vicinage should be required to contribute 'at least twenty-five thousand dollars, in land, buildings or other property,' towards the establishment of the institution. Of course, this is the *minimum* and not the *maximum* sum required. Some places may offer much larger sums than others. Cabinet, laboratory, philosophical instruments, library, and many other things will be needed. The institution should be at least partially endowed, and not less than a hundred thousand dollars will be ultimately required. This money will be collected from various quarters, but will be expended in one place, and will secure to that locality an honorable distinction. As the Seminary, however, is designed for the whole State, it must be at an accessible point, on or near an established railway. This is as essential to its success as an adequate financial provision."

In view of these necessities and advantages, and on these terms and conditions, the Conference Commission asked for proposals from different communities for the establishment in their locality of this Seminary.

Subsequently, public educational meetings were held in Grafton and in Parkersburg, which were addressed by the Chairman of our Commission and by resident speakers, and at both of which

three was appointed to bear the greetings of this body to the Lay Electoral Conference and invite that body to a joint session. J. W. Webb, Gideon Martin, and D. H. K. Dix were constituted the committee.

At 10:40 o'clock, there being no business, the Conference joined in singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood," and "I love to tell the story."

On motion of J. W. Webb it was ordered that when we adjourn it be until 2 o'clock this day, at which time a joint session be held. Brothers Schaeffer, Baumgardner, Allemong and A. Stevens were appointed ushers.

At 11:05, the Tellers being still out counting the votes, the verse "How tedious and tasteless the hours," was sung.

The Tellers reported the first ballot, no one received a majority, and the second ballot was taken.

Resolution.—A resolution looking to the change of Conference Boundaries was presented, and on motion the following amendment was presented, that the Conference be divided, striking off Charleston and Guyandotte Districts. On motion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

On motion of W. R. White, the paper was taken from the table and referred to a Committee of one from each District, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Introductions.—Rev. R. T. Miller, of the Pittsburg Conference, and Rev. A. S. McKeever, of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The Tellers appeared and the second ballot was announced.

T. B. Hughes having received a majority of votes was declared elected.

The third ballot was taken, and the Tellers retired.

Motion to adjourn pending, the minutes were read, Doxology was sung, benediction pronounced by J. R. Thompson, and the session closed until 2 P. M.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Conference assembled at 2 P. M., Bishop Simpson presiding.

Opening Exercises.—A. J. Lyda conducted the religious services, using the first Hymn, and offering prayer.

The Tellers reported the third ballot, and it appearing that no election had been secured, the fourth ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

Lay Electoral Conference.—At 2:20 the Lay Conference entered in a body and occupied the seats reserved for them.

The Bishop presented H. C. McWhorter, President of the Lay Conference, who delivered an interesting and appropriate address which was responded to by Bishop Simpson in an exceedingly happy manner.

Brother N. Goff, of Clarksburg, spoke feelingly.

The immense congregation then joined in singing "There is a spot to me more dear."

Senator W. T. Willey was then called upon. He responded in a touching manner.

Dr. A. C. George then spoke on behalf of the Ministers.

He was followed by President Thompson and J. W. W. Bolton.

The Lay Electoral Conference then retired.

The fourth ballot was announced and J. R. Thompson declared elected.

Rev. J. M. Freeman, D. D., of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society of the M. E. Church was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of his work.

The result of the fifth ballot was announced, and J. L. Clark declared elected.

Reserve Delegates.—On motion of J. R. Thompson, W. C. Snodgrass, Pastor of the church in which the Conference was held, in recognition of his services in entertaining the Conference so handsomely, was elected reserve delegate by acclamation.

On motion of G. C. Wilding, the candidate having the next highest vote to J. L. Clark, on the last ballot, was declared second reserve delegate. Dr. George having 46 votes was so declared.

A motion to adjourn pending, the Minutes were read, the usual announcements made, doxology sung, and benediction pronounced by Dr. Freeman.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 4, 1879, 9 A. M.

The Conference assembled promptly at the above hour, Bishop Simpson presiding.

Opening Exercises.—The religious services were conducted by S. Steele. The 103d Psalm was read, 553d hymn sung and prayer offered.

Report concerning the Pumphrey Fund was presented by Dr. A. J. Lyda, received and placed on file.

Educational.—The Committee on Education asked for instructions concerning the reading of certain papers to the Conference. On motion of S. Steele, said papers were left with the Committee.

J. R. Thompson read the report of the Committee on Education which, on motion, was adopted as a whole.

Reserve Delegate.—On motion of A. C. George, he (George) was excused from serving as the second reserve delegate to the General Conference, and S. E. Steele substituted.

Visitors—Rev. W. Downtain, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Rev. A. T. Cralle, of the Methodist Protestant Church; Rev. A. S. Baumgardner, of the Evangelical Association, and Rev. W. R. Long, Bible Agent, were introduced.

Report.—The report of the Committee on District Conference Journals was read and adopted.

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath reported. On motion of W. C. Snodgrass the Committee was instructed to present a report on the subject of Sunday Camp Meeting desecration.

Disciplinary Question—The twenty-first question of the General Minutes—"Have any Local Preachers been ordained?" was taken up, and recommendations were read, Committee reported, Presiding Elders represented and Joseph Grubb, of Morgantown District, was elected to Elders' Orders.

Robert H. Hughes was elected to Deacons' Orders.

The seventh question of the General Minutes was taken up and C. S. Harrison was elected to Elders' Orders.

Educational—On motion of W. R. White, the Conference Ed

educational Society was instructed to loan \$150 to J. Holland Fitzwater to enable him to gain an education in view of entering the traveling ministry.

Memoirs—The Committee on Memoirs reported, and touching tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. J. G. Blair, and Rev. F. M. Hughes.

J. R. Thompson presented a resolution arranging for an afternoon memorial service hereafter when deaths have occurred.

Remarks were made in memory of Dr. Blair and Bro. Hughes by A. J. Lyda, J. J. Dolliver, James L. Clark, G. Martin, L. L. Stewart, J. W. W. Bolton, W. H. Wiley, J. R. Thompson, J. W. Webb and W. C. Wilson, closing with the verses, "Together let us sweetly live" and "When we've been there ten thousand years."

The fourth question of the General Minutes—"Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up and C. F. Johnson was reported upon by the Committee of Examination, represented by his Presiding Elder, and advanced to full connection in the Conference.

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report, and Rev. Walter R. Long, of the American Bible Society, was granted the opportunity of addressing the Conference, which he did in very earnest and telling language. At the close of this address the report of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

Visitor.—Dr. P. T. Laishley, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The reports of the Committee on Tracts and the Committee on Temperance were read and adopted.

Dr. J. M. Freeman addressed the Conference pointedly and vigorously in behalf of the Tract Cause of our church.

The report of the Committee on Ladies and Pastors Christian Union was presented by A. C. George, pending its adoption the Conference was addressed by Dr. George, after which the report was adopted.

Nathan Goff, Esq., Treasurer of the Conference Educational Society addressed the Conference in the interests of the educational work in our Conference boundaries. He gave a brief account of the organization and early struggles of the above named society.

A resolution, by Dr. George, concerning the society was adopted.

Report of Committee on Periodicals and Book Accounts read and report adopted.

Resolution concerning the security and time of loans from the Conference Educational Society adopted.

Resolution to instruct Delegates to General Conference to vote for a lengthening of the Ministerial Term, was laid on the table.

Conference Sermon.—On motion of J. W. Webb, W. W. Kelley was appointed to preach the next Conference Sermon, W. H. Young, alternate.

Excused.—Dr. George was, at his request, excused from further attendance on this session.

REV. J. B. BLAKENY.—Dr. Martin presented the greetings of the above named brother.

Districts.—On the suggestion of the Bishop that he was willing to hear the opinions of Conference concerning the number of Districts, W. R. White moved that they be not increased.

A resolution of E. W. Ryan leaving the matter to the Bishop and his Cabinet was offered. (Time extended by motion of G. Martin.)

A resolution from J. R. Thompson, that we request the Bishop and his Cabinet to inquire into the expediency of readjusting the work, by the division of the larger circuits, and if necessary increase the districts, was adopted as a substitute for the whole matter.

The Board of Stewards reported. On motion of J. W. Webb, the report was adopted as a whole and the funds were distributed in accordance with the report.

Visitors.—Rev. P. T. Laishley, D. D., of the Methodist Protestant Church and Dr. O. N. Hartshorn, President of Mount Union College were introduced.

The Minutes were read and approved, announcements made, doxology sung; benediction by J. W. W. Bolton.

At 3 P. M. a meeting for the Promotion of Holiness was held by Brother Thatcher.

At 7 P. M., Dr. Freeman spoke in the interests of the Tract Cause. At the same hour, the Preachers' Aid Society was held,

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY October, 6, 1879, 9 A. M.

Conference convened at the above hour, S. Steele presiding.

Religious services were conducted by J. J. Dolliver, singing 430th hymn, and prayer by Brother Dolliver.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported and the report was adopted.

A supplementary report of the Committee on Education, recommending the Ohio Wesleyan University to the patronage of the Conference, was adopted. Dr. C. H. Payne, president, addressed the Conference.

A resolution instructing the Delegates to General Conference to make any attempt to extend the Pastoral Term, was lost.

At this point the Bishop entered and occupied the chair.

On motion, a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Sexton. The collection amounted to \$13.

The Secretaries' collection was taken up—\$13.60.

The second question of the General Minutes was taken up, and Christopher B. Graham, of Charleston District, was recommended, Committee reported, was represented by his Presiding Elder, and admitted.

E. D. W. King was granted a supernumerary relation, on account of ill health. Also J. P. Varner was granted a like relation to go to Drew Theological Seminary.

E. Ford and T. W. Chidester were continued in a supernumerary relation.

A. Stevens and B. F. Rogers were continued in a superannuated relation.

The following Committee on Conference Boundaries was named by the Bishop and elected by the Conference : W. C. Snodgrass, Morgantown District; D. H. K. Dix, Wheeling District; Joseph Lee, Clarksburg District; W. E. Loomis, Buckhannon District; A. C. George, Parkersburg District; H. Scott, Charleston District; E. H. Orwen, Guyandotte District; A. T. Morriston, New River District; H. C. Sanford, Oakland District.

R. M. Wallace, Conference Treasurer, submitted his report, which was accepted and filed.

The Bishop announced the Committees for next year.

The Committee on Missions reported; the was report received and placed on file.

The Board of Control of Conference Fund was, on motion, reappointed.

A resolution to raise \$20,000 for the above fund was adopted, and J. L. Clark was appointed to receive the collections.

It being reported that Brother Harrison had lost his horse, by death, a voluntary purse was made up for him, amounting to \$41. Brother Harrison returned thanks for the unexpected liberality.

Dr. O. N. Hartshorn, addressed the Conference in the interests of Mt. Union College.

A resolution to instruct Delegates to the General Conference to use their influence to secure an extension of the Pastoral Term was lost ; also to allow a longer Pastoral Term, with the consent of the Conference, was lost.

A resolution instructing Delegates to oppose the election of Presiding Elders was adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the B. & O. and C. & O. R. R. Co.'s for courtesies extended in making a reduction to the members of the Conference. And to the stage and liverymen for reduced fare.

W. G. RHELDATFER,
H. C. SANFORD.

Resolved 1, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the various pastors of this city for the use of their churches, and for many courtesies.

2, To the authorities of the West Virginia University for the use of Commencement Hall.

3, To the President and Professors for the use of the telescope and for their kindness in pointing out objects of interest in connection with the University.

C. E. MANCHESTER,
SAMUEL STEELE.

Resolved, That we will embalm in our memory the princely hospitality of the citizens of Morgantown, and that we will ever pray the giver of all good to reward them with riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Rev. W. C. Snodgrass, for his courtesy and manifest regard for our comfort during our sojourn in this Athens of West Virginia.

Resolved, That the visit of our presiding Bishop has given us sincere pleasure, and that we have undiminished affection for him as a man and an officer, and we will cordially welcome his coming again.

W. R. WHITE,
J. W. WEBB.

The Statistical Report was read and adopted. (See report.)

A resolution appointing editors for the "Conference Daily" was adopted.

The editors reported a surplus fund of \$25, which, on motion of G. C. Wilding was constituted a Conference Daily Fund. A vote of thanks to the editors was adopted.

A motion to give the Secretary permission to purchase some means of furnishing copies of letters and papers prevailed.

The 816th hymn was sung, and T. B. Hughes offered an affecting prayer. The Bishop addressed the Conference, concerning the work and its responsibilities, after which the appointments were read, the doxology sung, the benediction pronounced by Bishop Simpson, and the Thirty-Third Session of the West Virginia Conference adjourned to hold its next meeting in Huntington in 1880.

Sunday Services.—At 9 A. M. the Conference Love Feast was held in the M. E. Church, led by W. R. White.

At 10:30 Bishop Simpson preached in Commencement Hall from II Peter, 1:19. The sermon was followed by the Ordination of the following to Deacon's Orders: Loammi D. Heatherly, Charles F. Johnson, John P. Varner, Gideon J. Ferguson, George Rine, Robert Miller, John W. Woodruff, William P. Daniels, George W. Smith, George W. Mooney and Robert H. Hughes.

At the same hour, Rev. O. N. Hartshorn, D. D., President of Mt. Union College, preached in the College Chapel.

At 3 P. M., Dr. C. H. Payne, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, preached in Commencement Hall, from Hebrew 1:1-2. The sermon was followed by the Ordination of the following to Elder's Orders: Stephen Cummings, Charles R. Shackelford, Andrew D. Perry, Joseph Grubb, Caleb W. Upton, Hezekiah Scott.

At the same hour, a Sunday School meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church. Addresses were made by Dr. J. M. Freeman and Rev. E. W. Ryan.

At 7 P. M., the city pulpits were filled as follows: M. E. Church, Dr. J. M. Freeman; Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. E. Manchester;

Baptist Church, Rev. A. Hall; M. P. Church, (Academy Hall) Rev. G. R. Copeland; M. E. Church, (col'd), Rev. W. H. Wiley; Pierpoint's Church, Rev. W. G. Riheldaffer; Drummond's Chapel, Rev. W. M. West.



Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1.—“Have any entered this Conference this year by transfer or re-admission?”

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 2.—“Who are admitted on trial?”

ANSWER.—Albert L. Curtis, Samuel Lorentz, Loyd W. Roberts, James R. Whiteman, and Christopher B. Graham.

QUESTION 3.—“Who remain on trial?”

ANSWER.—David L. Ash, Erastus G. Harbert, and Robert H. Hughes.

QUESTION 4.—“Who are admitted into full connection?”

ANSWER.—L. D. Heatherly, G. R. Copeland, Ulysses Pribble, J. P. Varner, and C. F. Johnson.

QUESTION 5.—“Who are the Deacons of the first class?”

ANSWER.—L. D. Heatherly, G. R. Copeland, Ulysses Pribble, J. P. Varner, C. F. Johnson, and C. Poling.

QUESTION 6.—“Who are the Deacons of the second class?”

ANSWER.—C. J. Price, D. S. Hammond, J. E. Mercer, J. Engle, B. D. Mahone, C. W. Upton, D. M. Heaston, J. W. Lambert, and I. C. Paugh.

QUESTION 7.—“Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?”

ANSWER.—H. Scott, S. Cummings, C. R. Shackelford, C. S. Harrison, A. D. Perry, and C. W. Upton.

QUESTION 8.—“Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?”

ANSWER.—E. Ford, S. R. Dawson, W. H. Wiley, J. A. Williams, R. Laughlin, A. J. Lyda, V. Sanford, R. L. Woodyard, S. Hitch-

ens, T. W. Chidester, S. Lowther, C. Crawford, E. D. W. King, and J. P. Varner.

QUESTION 9.—“Who are the Superannuated Preachers?”

ANSWER.—A. Stevens, D. A. McGinnis, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, D. S. Benedum, G. W. Matheny, F. Guthrie, J. B. West, S. D. Jones, B. F. Rogers, R. Northcraft, J. B. Pinchen, J. N. Eckess, J. W. Reger, C. Conner, R. M. Wallace, and W. H. Shaw.

QUESTION 10.—“Was the character of each preacher examined?”

ANSWER.—This was strictly done, as each name was called in open Conference.

QUESTION 11.—“Have any located?”

ANSWER.—A. C. Law,

QUESTION 12.—“Have any withdrawn?”

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 13.—“Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?”

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 14.—“Have any been expelled?”

ANSWER.—None.

QUESTION 15.—“Have any died?”

ANSWER.—J. G. Blair, and F. M. Hughes.

QUESTION 16.—“What is the statistical report?”

ANSWER.—See Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 17.—“What are the claims on the Conference fund?”

ANSWER.—

Amount of estimates for superannuates and widows as reported to the Board.....	\$ 2460 00
Amount necessary to make up the deficiencies in salaries of the preachers.....	\$11156 59
Of which we estimate as necessitous cases.....	2500 00
	\$ 4960 00

QUESTION 18.—“What has been received on the above, and how has it been applied?”

ANSWER.—

From Circuits and Stations.....	\$1009 95
“ Chartered Fund.....	30 00
“ Centenary Fund (J. L. Clark).....	13 20
“ Pumphrey Fund (A. J. Lyda).....	135 35
“ Jones Fund (S. B. D. Prickitt).....	36 00
“ Interest on money in hands of W. M. Mullenix	6 00
“ Interest on money in hands of S. Steele and J. Wesley Webb.....	6 50
Total.....	\$1237 00

Applied as follows:

Rev. F. Guthrie.....	\$ 70 00...	Paid to...	Rev. J.W.W.Bolton.
" R. L. Brooks.....	50 00...	"	Self.
" S. D. Jones.....	20 00...	"	C. Crawford.
" A. Dixon.....	100 00...	"	G. R. Copeland.
" D. S. Benedum...	40 00...	"	G. Martin.
" R. Northcraft....	50 00...	"	Self.
" G. W. Matheny...	25 00...	"	Self.
" C. Conner.....	10 00...	"	W. C. Wilson.
Widow Hartley.....	85 00...	"	W.G.Riheldaffer
" Hindman	60 00...	"	C. S. Allemong.
" Monroe.....	25 00...	"	J. W. Griffitts.
" Smith.....	25 00...	"	G. C. Wilding.
" Burns.....	20 00...	"	G. Martin.
" Irwin.....	25 00...	"	G. Martin.
" Richmond.....	15 00...	"	J. P. Thatcher.
" Blundon.....	10 00...	"	S. B.D. Prickitt
Rev. W. Wriston.....	30 00...	"	Self.
" M. McNeel.....	35 00...	"	Self.
" J. T. Davis.....	30 00...	"	Self.
" J. Engle.....	40 00...	"	S. B. D. Prickitt
" A. T. Morriston...	10 00...	"	Self.
" H. H. Westwood...	20 00...	"	H. J. Boatman.
" W. A. Chevront...	20 00...	"	Self.
" R. S. Welch.....	10 00...	"	A. Workman.
" G. R. Copeland....	20 00...	"	Self.
" B. Darlington...	25 00...	"	Self.
" S. Cummings.....	20 00...	"	Self.
" G. H. Williams....	25 00...	"	Self.
" C. W. Upton.....	15 00...	"	Self.
" C. Warman.....	17 00...	"	Self.
" B. D. Mahone.....	10 00...	"	Self.
" S. C. Loomis.....	15 00...	"	W. E. Loomis.
" L. D. Heatherly....	15 00...	"	Self.
" U. Pribble.....	25 00...	"	Self.
" B. Hagar.....	35 00...	"	S.B.D.Prickitt.
" J. W. Bedford.....	35 00...	"	Self.
" A. D. Perry.....	25 00...	"	J. W. Webb.
" F. H. J. King.....	25 00...	"	Self.
" C. F. Johnson.....	15 00...	"	"
" J. T. Carroll.....	35 00...	"	"
" C. R. Shackelford..	20 00...	"	"
" R. H. Hughes.....	10 00...	"	"
" T. P. Ryan.....	10 00...	"	"
" J. C. Sidebottom..	10 00...	"	J. T. Carroll,

Total.....\$1237 00

QUESTION 19.—“Where are the Preachers stationed ?”

APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS.

No.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Year.	No.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	Year.
1	Morgantown District.....	J W W Bolton, P E	3	72	Freemansburgh	C Poling.....	1
2	" Station.....	W C Snodgrass.....	2	73	Beverly	C W Upton	2
3	" Circuit.....	T H Trainer.....	1	74	Frenchton	J Conwell.....	3
4	Monongalia	W F Cannon.....	1	75	Canaan	D M Heaston	1
5	"	One to be supplied..	1	76	Sutton	R Weese.....	1
6	Smithtown	J T Eichelberger.....	1	77	Randolph	S Lorentz.....	1
7	Masontown.....	N B Johnson.....	1	78	Webster	To be supplied.....	1
8	Kingwood.....	L H Jordan	2	79	Mingo.....	" "	1
9	Knottsville.....	S King.....	1	80	Parkersburg District.....	J L Clark, P E.....	3
10	Grafton.....	E W Ryan.....	2	81	" Station.....	A C George.....	1
11	Betterman.....	I C Paugh.....	1	82	" Circuit.....	J W Lambert	1
12	Palatine.....	C S Allemong.....	2	83	Williamstown	D S Hammond.....	1
13	Blacksville.....	J E Mercer.....	2	84	Mount Pleasant.....	L D King.....	2
14	Jollytown.....	W J Sharpes.....	1	85	Volcano.....	S B D Prickitt.....	1
15	"	One to be supplied..	1	86	Bellville.....	U Pribble.....	1
16	W. Va. University..	J R Thompson [*]	1	87	Ravenswood	J F Chenoweth.....	1
17	Wheeling District.....	W C Wilson, P E.....	4	88	Harrisville	W H Young.....	3
18	" Fourth Street.....	sup. C P Masden.....	1	89	Elizabeth	E C Woodruff.....	1
19	" North Street.....	S Steele.....	2	90	Ellenboro	W W Kelley.....	2
20	" Thomson Ch.....	Geo C Wilding.....	2	91	West Union.....	L W Roberts.....	1
21	" Zane Street.....	Geo E Hite.....	2	92	Sistersville.....	J Engle.....	1
22	" Chapline St.....	T B Hughes.....	1	93	Middlebourne.....	G Crossfield.....	2
23	" Wesley Ch.....	D H K Dix.....	1	94	Centreville.....	H H Westwood.....	1
24	Fulton.....	F A Trippett.....	2	95	Petroleum.....	To be supplied.....	1
25	Marshall.....	J J Dolliver.....	1	96	Charleston District.....	C E Manchester, P E	1
26	"	D L Ash.....	1	97	" Station.....	G C Schaffer.....	1
27	Renwood.....	W G Rheldaffer.....	3	98	" Circuit.....	T Cotton.....	2
28	Moundsville.....	J A Fullerton.....	1	99	East Charleston.....	G R Copeland.....	1
29	" Circuit.....	J M Warden.....	1	100	Hartford City.....	T R Faulkner.....	2
30	"	One to be supplied..	1	101	Clifton & Mason City	S Cummings.....	2
31	New Martinsville.....	G W Parriott.....	1	102	Point Pleasant.....	J W Griffiths.....	1
32	Greene.....	W D Carrico.....	3	103	Letart & Leon.....	N C Beckley.....	2
33	Cameron.....	A Hall.....	1	104	Cross Creek.....	J W Hess.....	1
34	Dallas.....	J P Thatcher.....	2	105	Malden	H Scott.....	3
35	Short Cr'k & Lib'ty	ES Wilson.....	2	106	Walton	T P Ryan.....	2
36	Triadelphia.....	W E Rippey.....	1	107	Spencer.....	R H Hughes.....	1
37	Mt. Union College..	F. W. Woodf.....	1	108	Smithville.....	M McNeel.....	1
38	Oakland District.....	Benjamin Ison, P. E.	1	109	Mill Creek.....	J T Davis.....	1
39	Oakland.....	H C Sanford.....	1	110	Ripley.....	W A Chevront.....	1
40	Deer Park.....	J S Laughlin.....	3	111	Sandy.....	sup. by J A Ripley.	1
41	Graftonville.....	sup. by D Flanagan.	1	112	Guyandotte District.....	J W Webb, P. E.....	3
42	Selbysp't & Johnst'n	N L Baumgardner.....	1	113	" Station.....	E H Orwen.....	1
43	Brandonville.....	J G Weaver.....	2	114	Barboursville	C J Price.....	1
44	Pleasant Hill.....	H J W Ford.....	3	115	Huntington	S E Steele.....	1
45	St. George.....	C J Trippett.....	1	116	Wayne.....	B Darlington.....	1
46	Pleasant Grove.....	J C Rexroad.....	1	117	Ceredo.....	L D Heatherly.....	2
47	Evansville.....	E E Wasson.....	1	118	Monticello.....	R Brooks.....	1
48	Newburgh.....	D Cool.....	1	119	Winfield.....	G H Williams.....	1
49	Aurora Mission.....	To be supplied.....	1	120	Hamline.....	A D Perry.....	1
50	Clarksburg District.....	G Martin, P E.....	3	121	Laurel Mission.....	sup., J G Thornton.	1
51	" Station.....	J Lee.....	1	122	Coal River.....	B Hagar.....	2
52	West Milford.....	C H Lakin.....	2	123	Milton & St. Albans	J W Bedford.....	3
53	Wilsonburgh.....	J F Snodgrass.....	1	124	" "	sup., J W Hickman.	1
54	Cherry Camp.....	J H Hess.....	2	125	Fayette	sup., Lewis Leslie.	1
55	Smithton.....	R S Welch.....	1	126	Coalburgh.....	W Wriston.....	2
56	Lumberport.....	H J Boatman.....	2	127	Cassville.....	sup., L D Bryan.....	1
57	Pruntytown.....	W M West.....	1	128	New River District.....	F H J King, P E.....	1
58	Bridgeport.....	CS Harrison.....	1	129	Raleigh	C F Johnson.....	2
59	Fairmont.....	L L Stewart.....	1	130	Flat Top	J R Whiteman.....	1
60	Marion.....	J B Feather.....	1	131	Mercer.....	C B Graham.....	1
61	Mannington.....	M W Rider.....	1	132	Wyoming.....	sup., J Glendening.	2
62	Logansport.....	A L Curtis.....	1	133	McDowell.....	sup., P Morgan.....	1
63	Pine Grove.....	sup. by A S Loveall	1	134	Hinchman's.....	J C Sidebottom.....	1
64	Burton.....	E G Harbert.....	2	135	Logan.....	sup. by D Upton.....	1
65	Buckhannon District.....	W R White, P E.....	1	136	Boone.....	sup. by D B Jones.	1
66	" Station.....	W E Loomis.....	2	137	West Fork Mission.....	sup. by E B Vickers	1
67	" Circuit.....	W E Lovett.....	1	138	Mountain Cove.....	S C Loomis.....	1
68	Weston.....	S E Jones.....	2	139	Nicholas.....	A T Morrision.....	2
69	Glenville.....	A Mick.....	2	140	Snow Hill.....	J T Carroll.....	1
70	Phlippi.....	G Rogers.....	1	141	Pleasant Retreat.....	B D Mahone.....	2
71	Upshur.....	C Warman.....	1	142	Elk River.....	C R Shackelford.....	1

*—President West Virginia University; member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

†—Professor in Mt. Union College; member of Thomson Church Quarterly Conference.

committees were appointed to consider the question of the location of such Conference Seminary, and to inquire if the necessary conditions could be met in their respective localities.

The Commission has received no proposal, within the stated terms and limitations, for the location of a Conference Seminary. It is, however, generally conceded that a first-class literary institution, such as has been proposed by this Conference, would be a great and permanent advantage to the place in which it is established, would furnish thousands of youth a needed academic training, and would send hundreds of ambitious pupils to the colleges of the Church and the University of the State. But it has been urged by leading citizens, in different localities, that one thing more is required to render this suggestion complete. The Conference, they claim, should be able to make to the citizens of any place furnishing \$25,000 in money, buildings or other property towards the establishment of a Seminary, this proposition: "We will raise outside of your vicinage an equal amount towards the endowment of the Seminary, thus securing its permanence and success." They urge this especially in view of the fact that the appointment of a majority of the Board of Trustees is to be vested absolutely in the West Virginia Conference. The wealthy men of the denomination must consider the necessity thus indicated, and prepare to respond to it, if this educational enterprise, so vital to Methodism, and so full of promise to the Commonwealth, is carried forward to a worthy consummation.

An important practical question is, Has the denomination the ability to perform such a work as has been suggested? The West Virginia Conference has 150 traveling preachers, 376 churches, over 33,000 members, and a church property which is in the aggregate put down at \$622,120. It has no Seminary within its bounds or under its care, although it is a patron of and officially identified with Mt. Union College, in Ohio, and the Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa. A Christian denomination, so situated, and having such resources, and deeply interested in the cause of education, is sufficient for such an undertaking as has been proposed. It can accomplish the great work, and it ought to do it. The duty and responsibility are on it. The denominational prosperity, the welfare and glory of the State, the great cause of human culture, the pressing necessities of thousands of young men and women, all unite in demanding of the Methodist Episcopal Church in West Virginia a forward movement in the cause of education.

It is a great work which we have undertaken, but it has not been without forethought and deliberation. We must still be cautious, but determined. The movement is in the right direction. It looks forward into the great future. But it is largely a question of ways and means. We must count the cost, proceed carefully, and, at every step, feel the ground safely beneath our feet.

This Conference has been the avowed friend and patron of education and educational institutions from its very organization. It has had on its roll of members such distinguished educators as Gordon Battelle, William Hunter and Alexander Martin. It has assigned to important educational positions, not only these, but also, G. W. Arnold, W. H. Morton, R. A. Arthur, W. R. White, F. W. Wood, J. R. Thompson, and, perhaps, others. The Conference has heartily endorsed and vigorously sustained the public school system of the State. In the Minutes of 1854, we have not only a report from the Committee on Education, but, in addition, the report of the trustees of the Northwest Virginia Academy, the report of the Treasurer of the Educational Society, and a memorial in favor of establishing a Female Seminary in the southern part of the Conference. The Morgantown Female Seminary has been again and again commended as worthy of entire confidence. The Conference had, for a time, under its "patronage and control" a male and female seminary at Fairmont, of which Prof. W. R. White was Principal, and J. B. Blakeny was, in 1859, the Agent by designation of the Conference. The Northwest Academy was, for a number of years, a flourishing institution, patronized by the Conference, and largely beneficial to the community and State. The Conference has also been the steadfast friend and supporter of Allegheny College, and more recently of Mt. Union College; and it has repeatedly expressed its approval of the State University and of the normal schools of the State, as adapted to promote a sound and liberal education. In 1866, the Conference considered a proposal for the establishment of an educational institution at Ashland, Kentucky, to be under the patronage of the Kentucky, the Ohio and the West Virginia Conference, and said:

"It has come to be pretty well understood in our older conferences that the citizens of any city, town or village, desiring a denominational, literary institution in their midst, should from among themselves or at least by their own effort, raise the money necessary for the grounds and buildings, inasmuch as a good literary institution, located in any community, soon pays in kind all that is thus invested. By those who understand this matter,

it is considered a good and safe financial operation. A successful literary institution will so enhance the value of property and increase the business of an ordinary town and surrounding community as to abundantly repay in dollars and cents all that is thus expended, to say nothing of the literary and moral advantages afforded."

The Conference also, in great wisdom, expressed its judgment that if a college or university were attempted the result would be doubtful, but "that an academic institution, of a high grade, especially if what is called a mixed school, embracing both sexes, be attempted, it might be a great success."

In 1868, the Conference said: "We must do our full share in the educational development of West Virginia, or be recreant to our God-given trust, and suffer the penalties which inevitably follow the neglect of a great duty."

In 1874, the Conference put itself on record in these words: "There are reasons too numerous to mention why we should take into consideration the propriety of establishing one or more Conference seminaries within our bounds. In other days, the most of flourishing academies in West Virginia was under the patronage of this body, accomplishing a great work in behalf of education. The same, and even a far grander work, could under the same auspices be accomplished, under the more favorable circumstances of the present."

The next year the following record was made: "A Conference Seminary is still a great desideratum. Some action of a more positive character is now needed to meet the demands of our people for a first-class school for young men and women under the supervision of the Conference."

The report on education adopted by the Conference, in 1876, begins as follows: "Inasmuch as the Methodist Episcopal Church of West Virginia has no school of its own in the State, it is a matter for serious consideration whether we should not, as soon as possible, take steps for the organization of such an institution in which Christian faith and liberal letters may, in kindest relations, be cultivated, free from the destroying power of sectarian bigotry and partisan intolerance."

The Conference also adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we hereby recognize the great importance of establishing a seminary of learning at some point within the limits of our territory, and that a committee of three discreet members of this Conference be appointed to receive propositions from the different towns and cities of the State for its location, and re-

port the same to the next Conference for definite and final action thereon."

J. G. Blair, J. W. Reger and E. W. Ryan were appointed the committee.

The next year the committee reported recommending Buckhannon as the plan for a seminary, in view of a proposed subscription by the citizens, in money and land, of \$8,090. The Conference appointed Trustees, and instructed them to proceed at once to the construction of necessary buildings, "but not to go beyond the means placed in their hands for this purpose, now or hereafter." This restriction, and insufficient resources, probably prevented the consummation of the enterprise.

This record shows that the Conference was acting in perfect harmony with itself, when, at its last session, it appointed the present Commission, in hopes to realize a "long cherished purpose," and to secure a Conference Seminary of high rank that will be "not only a help to learning, but also a fountain of piety." It shows likewise that the Conference had enlarged views of the demands of the situation, when it stipulated for a location accessible by railroad, and a community subscription of twenty-five thousand dollars.

The State schools, of every grade, have been in the past of great service to the public. They will doubtless continue to be a benefit to all classes, but the great secularization of such schools is a manifest and deplorable fact. It is not the business of the State to teach religion, but religion is an important part of an education. Our highest relations and possibilities cannot be safely ignored. "Education," according to a recent writer, "is the nurture and development of the whole man for his proper end." This involves the culture of the spirit—the noblest in man. Moreover, all studies open before us the vistas of the infinite. Neither history, ethics, jurisprudence, philosophy, psychology, cosmogony, the laws of nations, nor even physiology, chemistry, geology or astronomy, can be effectively taught without some reference to the final cause—the cause of causes—to the system of the universe, and to the real meaning of things and the relative significance of events.

The peril of mental without moral culture has often been pointed out. "To educate the mind of a bad man," said the venerable Dr. Griffin, "without correcting his morals, is to put a sword into the hands of a maniac." In like manner Dr. Francis Wayland

affirmed: "Intellectual cultivation may easily exist without the existence of virtue, or love of right. In this case its only effect is to stimulate desire, and this, unrestrained by the love of right, must eventually overturn the social fabric which it at first erected." President Robert L. Dabney, of Hampden-Sydney Theological Seminary, has said, with great force: "Of all rightful human action, the will is the executive and the conscience the directive faculty. Unless these be purified and enlightened, to enhance the vigor of the soul's other actions by training is but superfluous mischief. If in a ship the compass be lost and the pilot blind, it is better that there should not be a great force to move her machinery. The more energetic its motion, the greater is the likelihood the ship will speedily be upon the breakers." This one-sided culture must be supplemented with the most thorough training and the widest development, or it will prove to be as dangerous as it is narrow and imperfect. We must have schools in which a "Thus saith the Lord" is of supreme authority, in which duty is made to rest on the basis of revelation, in which the Cross of the world's Redeemer is lifted higher than the summit of Parnassus, and in which the Church of the Living God is more honored than any Areopagus of speculative philosophy, and her sublime doctrines more considered than any "profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science, falsely so called." We ought to establish and maintain a Conference Seminary in which there will be not only thorough scholastic culture, but also the purity of the home, and the sanctity of the church.

The Discipline recommends that the church, in providing "for the higher education of her youth," establish in each Conference, "wherever practicable," "at least one academy or seminary under its direct supervision." This work has been accomplished in many of the conferences, and some of these institutions are now celebrating the semi-centennial of their educational career. These seminaries originated, with scarcely an exception, in the labors and sacrifices of Methodist preachers. They were largely built by their contributions. Ministers of the gospel gave to these enterprises their money, their tears, and their prayers. Many of them devoted their most precious years to this educational work. They have builded their very blood and life into these structures for sanctified learning. And they have had their reward. The academies and seminaries which they organized and maintained have been thrones of power for the church. Without being sectarian,

they have been religious. While they have trained the intellect, they have also cultured the heart. Thousands of our most eminent laymen and ministers have been converted within their consecrated walls, and have gone forth to lead useful and honorable lives. These seminaries have poured streams of blessings, like ceaseless tides of heavenly grace, into households and churches. They have benefitted the nation; they have honored Methodism before the world. This is the work to which we are summoned as a Conference. If our worthy laymen do not see their duty in this direction, we must, nevertheless, discharge our duty. We must collect a fund for the endowment of a Seminary. We must bring our own contributions, an offering of blended penury and piety, and place them on the altar of consecrated culture. We must do it for ourselves, for our children, for our Conference, for our State, for poor and earnest young men struggling into the ministry, for the Lord Jesus, whose servants we are, and for the great future of the church and the world. The pressing necessity furnishes us with a grand opportunity. Let us seize it and make the most of it, for the glory of God and the salvation of men. Let us persist in our endeavors, assured that an undertaking so patriotic and pious in its purpose, so practical and beneficent in its character, and so fruitful of good to all classes and conditions in the community, will assuredly command, in its process and development, as now in the beginning, the approbation of wise and thoughtful men, and the crowning blessing of the great Head of the Church.

In view of these facts and considerations, we respectfully recommend that the action of the last Conference in respect to a Conference Seminary be re-affirmed, and that the Bishop be requested to appoint a Commission to serve during the ensuing year.

A. C. GEORGE, Chairman.

ON JONES FUND.

The Jones Fund (\$600) has been properly invested, and the interest for this year, \$36, placed in the hands of the Conference Stewards.

S. B. D. PRICKITT, Chairman.

ON CENTENARY FUND.

The interest on the Centenary Fund, \$13.20, with the interest of \$100 in my hands from Brother Mullenix, amounting to \$6, has been paid over to the Stewards.

J. L. CLARK, Chairman.

ON MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Fetterman	\$ 50 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

OAKLAND DISTRICT.

Deer Park.....	\$100 00
Pleasant Hill.....	90 00
Pleasant Grove.....	35 00
Aurora Mission	25 00
Total.....	\$250 00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

New Martinsville.....	\$150 00
Total.....	\$150 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Burton.....	\$100 00
Iogansport.....	50 00
Total.....	\$150 00

BUCKHANNON DISTRICT.

Upshur	\$ 75 00
Beverly	50 00
Randolph	50 00
Mingo	60 00
Total.....	\$235 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Elizabeth	\$ 50 00
Petroleum	50 00
Williamstown	25 00
Total.....	\$125 00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston Circuit.....	\$ 60 00
Mill Creek.....	40 00
Walton.....	60 00
Cross Creek.....	50 00
East Charleston.....	50 00
Ripley	40 00
Smithville	100 00
Total.....	\$400 00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte District....	\$200 00
“ Station.....	75 00
Ceredo	50 00
Milton and St. Albans.	75 00
Winfield.....	60 00
Coal River.....	40 00
Coalburg	50 00
Hamlin	35 00
Cassville	40 00
Wayne	40 00
Barboursville	75 00
Total.....	\$740 00

NEW RIVER DISTRICT.

New River District.....	\$100 00
Mercer	50 00
Elk River.....	50 00
Pleasant Retreat.....	50 00
Snow Hill.....	100 00
Mountain Cove.....	50 00
Total.....	\$400 00

Grand Total.....\$2,500 00

J. W. WEBB, Chairman.

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

I concur, M. SIMPSON.

ON AUDITING PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

We find the missionary money apportioned to the several districts of the Conference disbursed and receipted for.

J. T. EICHELBERGER, Chairman.

ON PUMPHREY FUND.

The Pumphrey Fund was loaned and secured by real estate, and the interest paid over to the Board of Stewards, as directed by the Conference.

A. J. LYDA.

G. MARTIN.

ON ASSESSMENT FOR BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	Episcopal Fund.	Gen. Conf. Fund.	Church Extens'n.	Freedm's Aid Soc'y.
Morgantown.....	\$ 60	\$ 25	\$ 60	\$ 60
Wheeling.....	100	40	130	130
Clarksburg.....	60	25	60	60
Buckhannon.....	60	25	50	50
Parkersburg.....	60	25	60	60
Charleston.....	60	25	60	60
Guyandotte.....	30	15	30	30
New River.....	20	10	20	20
Oakland.....	50	15	40	40
Total.....	\$500	\$205	\$500	\$500

J. W. WEBB, Chairman.

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

ON APPEAL CASE OF B. F. SHUE.

We the Committee appointed to try the case of Rev. B. F. Shue, an appeal from the Quarterly Conference of Cross Creek Circuit, Charleston District, make the following finding:—That it is the

judgment of this Committee that the case should be referred back to the Quarterly Conference for a new trial.

T. H. TRAINER, Chairman,

W. G. RHELDAFFER, Secretary.

ON MEMOIRS.

REV. J. G. BLAIR, M. D. LL. D.

Dr. Blair was born in Marcellus, N. Y., in the year 1816, and died of acute laryngitis, in Fairmont, W. Va., December 23, 1878. His ancestry were old time Methodists, inculcating rigidly the doctrines and discipline of a Church whose adherents were willing to separate themselves from the world, to make sacrifices, and, if need be, to suffer persecution. His grandfather, Rev. Daniel Holmes, was an itinerant Methodist preacher for over fifty years. His mother was also a noble type of that early Methodism, illustrated in the habits, manners and simplicity of life 60 years ago. Dr. Blair from early boyhood was a student, imbued with an intense love of nature and of books; reticent in manner, and absorbed in thoughts which few comprehended or understood. His desire for culture was so great that he was willing to forego any pleasure or comfort, to satisfy his intellectual cravings, and was known to walk miles, often under unfavorable circumstances, in order to recite a lesson or receive instruction. So all-absorbing were these pursuits, that manual labors and duties which he had been instructed to perform, were often entirely forgotten. Many anecdotes are related of this early abstraction of mind, and inattention to physical occupations. Latin and Greek (himself being his own instructor) were studied and conned, often in the solitude of hours filched from recreation and sleep. The profound, persistent labor of the student, at that early period, was characteristic of his whole after life.

At a late period of his boyhood he was converted and united with the M. E. Church, and was at an early age licensed to exhort. In 1835 he was associated in Cazenovia Seminary, in a preparatory course with Larrabee, Bannister, Wilber, and hosts of others, whose names are prominent and familiar in the world of letters to-day. In 1839 he entered the Junior class in the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., graduated with collegiate honors in 1841, and from that time until 1843, was Principal of the

Blendon Young Men's Seminary, located at Westerville, Ohio. In this position he was eminently successful, as many young men whom he trained could abundantly testify. His tastes and inclinations, however, were all in the realm of theology, and to become an humble, self-denying, itinerant minister, to preach Jesus and Him crucified, became an all-absorbing passion. He therefore took work (having previously joined the Ohio, now the Cincinnati, Conference) and in September, 1843, at the session of the annual Conference held at Chillicothe, he was sent to the White Oak Circuit, comprising 22 appointments. In connection with Greenbury R. Jones, of sainted memory, as colleague, he passed his first year of itinerant life. With great zeal and ardor he went about his Master's work. Many were reclaimed and brought, through his instrumentality, into the light and higher life of the children of God.

He was married, March 10, 1843, to Miss Olive J. Winslow, a lady eminently fitted, both by culture and education, to be a helpmeet and companion for him. Five children blessed this union, three of whom are already in the spirit land.

In 1844, at the session of Conference held at Marietta, Ohio, Bishop Soule presiding, he was ordained deacon, and stationed at Greenfield, where he labored two years, attending rigidly to his pastoral duties, besides instructing a class of young men preparing for the ministry, among whom were Bishop Merrill, H. H. Black, Middleton and others. Through the influence of his teachings, and the spirit they excited, a seminary was inaugurated, over which he presided six years. In 1846, at the Conference held in Piqua, Bishop Morris presiding, he was ordained an elder. In 1852 he was called to fill the chair of Vice President and Professor of Natural Sciences in the Ohio University, at Athens. Twelve years of hard, persistent labor were passed here. Profound studies, lecturing, preaching often, teaching in season and out of season, fill up with full and abundant mental toil all these years. From 1864 to 1870 were mostly passed in educational labors, both in Ohio and West Virginia. To his persistent, patient, severe toil in the Fairmont State Normal School, it owes its great success and exalted position among the Normal Schools of the land. For its prosperity and the cause of education in West Virginia he lived.

Dr. Blair was a great lover of the doctrines and usages of early Methodism, and although neither sour nor censorious in respect to the present type of Christianity, yet for himself he re-

tained to the last a strong preference for Christianity in all its simplicity and power. He was a Methodist after the olden type, warmly and firmly allied in feelings and recollection to the pioneers of Methodism; and to the last could see neither reason nor room for any special change in the economy of the Church. As a theologian he was profound, and as a preacher highly interesting and instructive. Soon after taking charge of the Fairmont State Normal School he was transferred to the West Virginia Conference, of which he was an honored member when called by the Master from labor to his reward on high. He died as he lived, a firm believer in the Gospel and the power of Jesus to save. A number of expressions, previous to his death, evinced his unshaken confidence. Very frequently he would hold up his hand and say, "Precious Saviour;"

" 'This all my hope and all my plea,
For me the Saviour died.' "

'Happy if with my latest breath,
I may but gasp his name,
Preach him to all, and cry in death,
Behold, behold the Lamb.' "

He suffered intensely. Turning around to a friend he said, "I am afraid I complain too much." It was evident that he wanted to be entirely submissive to the divine will. A few hours before his death he said, "My soul expands with huge dimensions as I approach that shore." He said to his companion, "I had hoped to live ten or fifteen years yet, so that we might have enjoyed the evening of life together, and both have been gathered finally as the ripe corn in the shock; the ways of Providence are mysterious; He knows best." Thus submissive and trusting, he passed out of this world of sin and labor, of pain and disappointments, and death and sorrow, into the pilgrim's home of joy and purity and everlasting felicity.

REV. F. M. HUGHES

Died at Cameron, September 13th, 1870, in the 32d year of his age. He commenced his work as a minister on Summerville Circuit in the year 1867, being employed for that year by the Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial in the West Virginia Conference at its session at Moundsville, March, 1868, and appointed junior preacher on Marshall Circuit. In 1869 he was sent to Cameron. The year following to Pruntytown. In 1871 he was ordained deacon and appointed to Weston Station, where

he served two years. He was ordained elder in 1873 and appointed to Buckhannon Station, remaining three years. The following term was spent on Philippi Circuit. His last field of labor was Buckhannon Circuit, to which he was appointed by Bishop Scott, October, 1877, and returned by Bishop Harris, 1878. Soon after Conference last year he commenced a series of very successful protracted meetings, in the midst of which his health failed and he was compelled, with great reluctance, to cease from all ministerial labor. In the month of June he went to Cameron with some hope that by rest and medical treatment, he might recover his health, so as to work a while longer in the Master's vineyard. But he gradually grew worse until death came to his release.

Brother Hughes was an earnest and successful preacher, a faithful pastor—"a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost."

His protracted illness was borne with patience. At the last quarterly meeting he desired to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his room. He said on that occasion: "This is my last communion. My life has been one of toil and trouble, but it is wonderful how the Lord has sustained me."

The closing scene was peaceful. There was no dread of death, no misgiving as he looked into the future. The last words we heard from his lips were: "It's all right."

He sleeps beside the wife of his youth in the quiet village cemetery, awaiting the voice that shall awake them who sleep in Jesus.

A. HALL, Chairman.

ADDITION TO THE STEWARDS' REPORT.

The Stewards' Report having been acted upon before the formation of the Oakland and New River Districts, the amount of \$650 was assessed to the Morgantown District for Necessitous Cases. After the formation of the Oakland District this amount was distributed to these two districts as follows:—Morgantown \$400 and Oakland \$250. It is expected that a like division will be made between the Charleston, Guyandotte and New River Districts.

GEO. C. WILDING, Secretary.

REPORTS

Of Conference Officers.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I.—Incidental Expenses.

Stationery Bill.....	\$ 1 35
Postage.....	1 46
Freight on Conference Trunks.....	1 00
Fourteen Hundred Conference Envelopes.....	5 40
Three Tin Boxes for Conference Collections.....	4 25
One Book for Journal.....	7 00
	\$20 46

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By Collection at Last Conference.....	\$17 40
Balance Due the Secretary.....	\$ 3 06

II.—Printing Conference Minutes.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from Last Year.....	\$165 40
Contributed by the Preachers.....	60 00
From Advertisements.....	196 00
Total Receipts.....	\$421 40

EXPENDITURES.

Printing 1200 Copies of Minutes.....	\$165 00
Printing 300 Circulars.....	3 00
Postage Bill.....	17 83
Freight and Expressage.....	4 70
Total Expenditures.....	\$190 53
Balance of Cash on Hand.....	\$230 87

GEORGE C. WILDING, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of monies collected for the various benevolent objects of the Church, by Districts, as follows:

Missions.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 337 26
Wheeling ".....	1,134 64
Clarksburg ".....	314 40
Buckhannon ".....	160 46
Parkersburg ".....	341 41
Charleston ".....	128 46
Guyandotte ".....	75 50

Total.....\$2,492 13

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....\$478 47

Board of Church Extension.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 41 96
Wheeling ".....	110 50
Clarksburg ".....	22 85
Buckhannon ".....	7 61
Parkersburg ".....	27 92
Charleston ".....	13 00
Guyandotte ".....	8 65

Total.....\$232 49

After Report was Closed.....7 45

\$239 94

Freedmen's Aid Society.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 33 05
Wheeling ".....	75 50
Clarksburg ".....	15 00
Buckhannon ".....	5 00
Parkersburg ".....	24 05
Charleston ".....	10 50
Guyandotte ".....	5 85

Total.....\$168 95

Education.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 7 37
Wheeling ".....	40 00
Clarksburg ".....	4 75
Buckhannon ".....	2 15
Parkersburg ".....	3 18
Charleston ".....	3 45
Guyandotte ".....	2 20

Total.....\$63 10

Sunday School Union.

Morgantown District.....	\$12 30
Wheeling "	23 05
Clarksburg "	7 18
Buckhannon "	2 50
Parkersburg "	6 01
Charleston "	2 71
Guyandotte "	3 90

Total.....\$57 65

Tract Society.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 8 80
Wheeling "	26 21
Clarksburg "	6 01
Buckhannon "	2 30
Parkersburg "	4 82
Charleston "	3 63
Guyandotte "	2 10

Total.....\$53 87

American Bible Society.....\$350 00

Episcopal Fund.

Morgantown District.....	\$ 68 54
Wheeling "	87 20
Clarksburg "	47 75
Buckhannon "	19 25
Parkersburg "	47 92
Charleston "	36 12
Guyandotte "	10 85

Total.....\$317 63

R. M. WALLACE, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the West Virginia Conference:—

Your Conference Board of Church Extension would offer the following report:—

The balance to our credit as a Conference at the close of
1877, was.....\$ 694 50
Credit by our share of funds of 1878..... 600 00

Making a total of.....\$1,294 50
Less the grant to Leon Church, March, 2, 1878, of.....\$ 50 00

Leaving to our credit April 5, 1878.....\$1,244 50

On account of funds not being drawn out of General Treasury by us the balance to our credit on January 1st, 1879, was only \$843.95, instead of \$1,244.50, as mentioned above. The difference between these two amounts, we are informed by the Corresponding Secretary, at Philadelphia, "lapsed" into the general fund.

January 23d, 1879, there was granted to the church at Fulton, Wheeling District, a donation of \$100.

On July 2d, 1879, the church at Malden, Charleston District, was granted a donation of \$100.

Same date as above, the Harmony Church, in Morgantown District, was granted a donation of \$50.

On July 23d, 1879, the balance to the credit of our Conference was \$605.45.

On September 8th, the Conference Board made the following recommendations to the Parent Board at Philadelphia, which will be acted upon by them in their October meeting, viz.:

"Macedonia" Church, St. George Circuit, Morgantown District, donation of \$75.

"Glad Tidings," Snow Hill Circuit, Charleston District, \$100 of a donation.

"Pennsboro" Church, Parkersburg District, donation of \$100.

We again urge the brethren to bring up increased collections for this cause. Nothing repays us better. We receive, to be expended in the bounds of our Conference, two dollars for every one we collect.

W. C. WILSON, President.

GEO. C. WILDING, Cor. Sec'y,

Conf. B'd Ch. Ex.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I hereby certify that Loammi D. Heatherly, Charles F. Johnson, John P. Varner, Gideon J. Ferguson, George Rine, Robert Miller, John W. Woodruff, William P. Daniels, George W. Smith, George W. Mooney, and Robert H. Hughes were by me ordained as Deacons, and that Stephen Cummings, Charles R. Shackleford, Andrew D. Perry, Charles S. Harrison, Joseph Grubb, Caleb W. Upton and Hezekiah Scott were by me, assisted by several Elders, ordained to the office of Elders on Sabbath, October 6, 1879.

M. SIMPSON.

Resolutions.

INVITATION FROM WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, }
September 26th, 1879. }

At a meeting of the Faculty of West Virginia University the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, By the Faculty of West Virginia University, that the use of Commencement Hall be hereby tendered to the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purpose of holding religious services on Sabbath, October 5th, 1879.

Resolved, further, that the presiding Bishop and members of the Conference be cordially invited to meet the Faculty and students of the University, in Chapel, on Friday, October 3d, between the hours of 8 and 9 A. M.

A true copy,

Teste:

R. C. BERKELEY, Secretary.

ACCEPTANCE OF ABOVE INVITATION.

Resolved 1, That we highly appreciate the courtesy of the Faculty of the West Virginia University, as expressed in the resolutions passed by them on September 26, 1879.

Resolved 2, That the resolution offering to the Conference the use of Commencement Hall on next Sunday, be referred to the Committee on Public Worship, who are hereby empowered to act for the Conference in the premises.

Resolved 3, That the invitation to meet the Faculty and students of the University in Chapel on Friday morning, October 3d, from 8 to 9 o'clock, is hereby accepted.

C. E. MANCHESTER,
W. C. SNODGRASS.

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church limits the number of Stewards on each circuit and station to nine, and, as this limitation seriously cripples the financial interests of the larger circuits, therefore, be it

Resolved 1, That this Annual Conference most respectfully asks the General Conference, at its ensuing meeting at Cincinnati in May, 1880, so to amend paragraph 196, on page 128 of the Discipline, as to permit each circuit, through its quarterly conference, to elect one steward for each appointment.

Resolved 2, That the Delegates, whom we send to the General Conference be, and are hereby, requested to use their best influence to secure such an amendment.

October 3, 1879.

J. E. WASSON,
CHARLES J. PRICE,
E. C. WOODRUFF.

ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Resolved, That when the hour has arrived for the election of Delegates to the General Conference, the Secretary shall call the roll of the members of the Conference, and that each member, present and voting, shall place his ballot in a hat or ballot-box prepared for that purpose, on the table of the Secretaries, in the presence of the Tellers.

Resolved, That the election of Delegates to the ensuing General Conference be made the order of the day for Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

W. C. SNODGRASS,
J. A. FULLERTON,
N. C. BECKLEY,
W. W. KELLEY,
S. R. DAWSON.

ELECTIVE PRESIDING ELDERSHIP.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the General Conference be requested to oppose all schemes looking toward an Elective Presiding Eldership.

SAMUEL STEELE,
A. HALL.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

WHEREAS, It is evident that great inequality exists in the sala-

ries of our ministers, some receiving thousands and others very small amounts for their labor; and

WHEREAS, None of our ministers receive too much, therefore

Resolved, That our Delegates to the General Conference be requested to bring before that body the matter of establishing a Sustentation Fund for the better support of the weaker circuits and stations in the bounds of our Church, so that each married minister shall receive as a salary not less than \$600 yearly, and each single minister not less than \$400.

SAMUEL STEELE,
S. B. D. PRICKITT,
J. B. FEATHER,
GEO. E. HITE.

LOANS FROM THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Resolved, That the sum of \$200, out of the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Educational Society, be loaned to S. Lowther, to enable him to complete the course of study at Drew Theological Seminary.

W. C. SNODGRASS,
GEO. C. WILDING.

Resolved, That \$150 of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of our Educational Fund be loaned to Brother C. Crawford to assist him in pursuing his college course.

J. A. FULLERTON,
D. H. K. DIX.

Resolved, That \$150 of the West Virginia Conference Educational Fund be loaned to J. Holland Fitzwater to enable him to prosecute his studies with a view of entering the traveling connection.

W. R. WHITE,
T. B. HUGHES.

TERMS OF FUTURE LOANS.

Resolved, That all loans of our Conference Fund shall be secured by real estate or otherwise, so that it be satisfactory and safe.

A. J. LYDA,
W. R. WHITE.

Resolved, That all such loans shall be made payable within five years from date of loan.

GEORGE C. WILDING,
C. E. MANCHESTER,
J. B. FEATHER,
SAMUEL STEELE.

NATHAN GOFF.

Resolved, That this Conference has a high appreciation of the carefulness, diligence and thoroughness with which Hon. Nathan Goff, Sr., has discharged his duties as Treasurer of the Educational Society, and that we request him to take immediate steps to secure a legal re-organization of the Board.

A. C. GEORGE,
GEORGE C. WILDING.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Resolved, That after hearing the interesting and encouraging speech of Dr. McCabe, and listening to his sweet singing, we pledge ourselves to make more earnest efforts to obtain good collections for the Church Extension Society.

B. ISON,
J. W. WEBB.

PERMANENT FUND.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of each preacher to present to the members of the Church, during the ensuing year, the necessity of raising twenty thousand dollars, to be called the Fund for the Better Support of the Superannuated Preachers and Widows and Orphans of the Deceased Members of the West Virginia Conference, and that we will take subscriptions and collections for that purpose.

J. L. CLARK.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Resolved, That hereafter when the Committee on Memoirs shall be appointed at the sessions of our Annual Conference, they shall arrange for an afternoon memorial service in honor of our deceased brethren.

J. W. W. BOLTON,
J. R. THOMPSON.



PROCEEDINGS

OF

Lay Electoral Conference.

The Delegates to the West Virginia Lay Electoral Conference convened at Morgantown, West Virginia, in the Lecture Room of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Friday, October 3d, 1879, at 9 o'clock A. M.

They effected an organization, and the following Delegates were chosen as temporary officers: Hon. H. C. McWhorter, of Charleston Station, Chairman, and E. J. Stone, of Thomson Church, Wheeling, Secretary.

On motion of E. J. Stone, a Committee on Credentials, consisting of one member from each Presiding Elder's District, was appointed by the Chairman, which consisted of the following: J. C. McGrew, Morgantown District; J. A. Ewing, Wheeling District; Nathan Goff, Sr., Clarksburg District; D. F. Pugh, Parkersburg District; P. M. Boggess, Buckhannon District; John Dearen, Charleston District; Dr. A. Workman, Guyandotte District.

On motion of Hon. J. C. McGrew, of Kingwood, the Chair appointed the following a Committee on Permanent Organization: William Wagner, Morgantown District; N. W. Beck, Wheeling District; A. W. Brown, Clarksburg District; C. F. Scott, Park-

ersburg District; J. S. Reger, Buckhannon District; M. Wriston, Guyandotte District; C. B. Graham, Charleston District.

During the absence of the committees, the Conference was entertained by stirring and appropriate addresses by Hons. H. C. McWhorter, of Charleston, and Waitman T. Willey, of Morgantown.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following as duly accredited Lay Delegates:

Morgantown District.

J. L. Jones, Monongalia; Jacob Mays, Newburg; Leonard Warman, Morgantown Ct.; Philip B. Michael, Brandonville; John Bancord, Grantsville; Ellis R. Grimes, Evansville; Christian Core, Fetterman; William J. King, Smithtown; John Lock, Pleasant Grove; Joseph B. McGinnis, Masontown; Jas. C. McGrew, Kingwood; William Wagner, Morgantown Station; Hugh R. Linn, Palatine; Solomon L. Allen, Grafton; John W. Hardesty, Pleasant Hill.

Wheeling District.

Thos. H. Logan, Fourth Street; J. A. Ewing, Moundsville; Jas. Reed, Chapline Street; Samuel C. Smith, Fulton; E. J. Stone, Thomson Church; A. T. McKaig, Dallas; N. W. Beck, Zane Street; A. McCulloch, Short Creek and Liberty; C. H. Snedeker, Marshall; George Rine, Grave Creek.

Clarksburg District.

William Clovis, Jollytown; Aaron Vincent, Pruntytown; Thomas Erwin, Mannington; Allison Robinson, Lumberport; Jesse A. Lawson, West Milford; Lemuel E. Stout, Bridgeport; L. M. Lowe, Pine Grove; Rufus Haymond, Cherry Camp; Chas. H. Woodruff, Littleton; B. F. Swisher, Fairmont; A. W. Brown, Blacksville; Eli L. Parker, Marion; Nathan Goff, Sr., Clarksburg; D. M. Boyers, Wilsonburg.

Buckhannon District.

Joseph Teter, Upshur; Taylor Chenoweth, Beverly; Benjamin Hamrick, Webster; Wm. H. Curry, Frenchton; F. S. Byrer, Philippi; Joseph S. Reger, Buckhannon Ct.; John, Barnes, Weston; M. T. Frame, Sutton; P. M. Boggess, Buckhannon Station.

Parkersburg District.

David F. Pugh, Middlebourne; Davis Meredith, Centreville; M. H. Shirtz, Elizabeth; Benson Athey, Mt. Pleasant; Samuel Thompson, Volcano; W. A. Cooper, Belleville; E. McCullough, Ellenboro; C. F. Scott, Parkersburg Station; A. S. Loveall, West Union; W. H. Melrose, Parkersburg Ct.; H. J. Rexroad, Williamstown; E. Beaty, Ravenswood; E. C. Fox, Harrisville; D. King, Sistersville.

Charleston District.

H. C. McWhorter, Charleston Station; John Dearen, Malden; H. Lewis, Pleasant Retreat; William Hall, Elk River; H. K. Shumaker, Spencer; C. B. Graham, East Charleston; John E. Kern, Nicholas.

Guyandotte District.

J. R. Whiteman, Cassville; Morris Wriston, Fayette; A. Workman, Wayne.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made the following report:

Your Committee on Permanent Organization having met and duly considered the subject of a permanent organization of the Lay Delegate Conference, respectfully report the following named persons now acting as officers of the Temporary Organization for Permanent Organization: President—H. C. McWhorter, of Charleston; Secretary—E. J. Stone, of Wheeling.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. WAGNER, Chairman.

C. F. SCOTT, Secretary.

The recommendation was unanimously concurred in.

The Conference, being fully organized, was opened by singing the hymn, "A charge to keep I have," and with prayer by Dr. T. H. Logan, of Wheeling.

A committee from the West Virginia Annual Conference, consisting of Revs. J. Wesley Webb, D. H. K. Dix, and G. Martin, was introduced, bearing the cordial greeting of that body to the Lay Electoral Conference, and inviting them to a joint session at 2 P. M.

On motion of A. Vincent, of Pruntytown, the Conference accepted the invitation of the Ministerial Conference, and appointed T. H. Logan, of Wheeling, and C. B. Graham, of East Charleston, be a committee to make necessary arrangements.

On motion of E. J. Stone, of Wheeling, the manner of voting for Delegates to the General Conference be:—That the Secretary call the roll of delegates by districts, when each delegate should come forward and deposit his ballot in a box in front of the Speaker's stand. Carried.

The committee on arranging a joint session of Lay and Ministerial Conferences reported that they had arranged for said joint session at 2 o'clock P. M. in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the Hon. H. C. McWhorter, N. Goff, and Dr. T. H. Logan be appointed to make suitable expressions of the fraternal feeling to that body.

The election of Delegates to the General Conference being in order, the first ballot was taken with the following result:

J. C. McGrew.....	7
H. C. McWhorter.....	25
W. T. Willey	35
C. F. Scott.....	19
S. L. Allen.....	9
T. H. Logan.....	15
Scattering, divided among ten candidates.....	26

Whole number of votes cast.....68

Necessary to election.....35

Hon. Waitman T. Willey, having received 35 votes was declared by the Chairman duly elected First Delegate.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Conference adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference assembled at 2 P. M. and was opened with singing the 1st hymn—"Oh for a thousand tongues to sing," &c.,—and with prayer by J. C. McGrew, of Kingwood.

After the call of the roll, the Conference, on motion, repaired to the room of the Ministerial Conference to engage in fraternal greetings.

During the joint session speeches were made on behalf of the Lay Conference by H. C. McWhorter, Waitman T. Willey, and N. Goff, Sr., and responded to on behalf of the Ministerial Conference by Bishop Simpson, Dr. George of Wheeling, J. R. Thompson, and J. W. W. Bolton.

On the return of the Lay Conference to their room, on motion of J. C. McGrew, the Conference proceeded to a second ballot for Delegate, with the following result:

J. C. McGrew.....	7
H. C. McWhorter.....	35
C. F. Scott.....	13
T. H. Logan.....	11
Scattering.....	3

Whole number of votes cast.....65

Necessary to choice.....33

H. C. McWhorter having received 35 votes was declared, by the Chair, elected.

On motion of J. C. McGrew, in the election for alternates, two persons were to be voted for on each ballot, and upon count of

votes the persons having the two largest votes shall be declared elected.

On motion of Dr. Logan, the Reserve Delegate having the largest number of votes, be declared the First and the next the Second Reserve Delegate.

The ballot being taken resulted as follows:

T. H. Logan.....	45
C. F. Scott.....	40
J. C. McGrew.....	21
Scattering, divided among fifteen candidates.....	25

The following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved. That we tender to the people of Morgantown our sincere thanks for the christian courtesy and generous hospitality, which we have received at their hands during our sojourn in their midst.

N. GOFF,
T. H. LOGAN.

Resolved. That we hereby tender our thanks to the officers of the B. & O. R. R. Co. for reduction in fare made to our delegates, in attendance upon this Conference, and that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the officers of the road with a copy of this resolution.

N. GOFF,
T. H. LOGAN.

After which the Lay Electoral Conference adjourned *sine die*.

Teste: H. C. McWHORTER, Chairman,
E. J. STONE, Secretary.



CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

PRESIDENT—BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON, D. D., LL. D.
SECRETARY—GEORGE C. WILDING, Wheeling, West Virginia.
Assistant Secretaries—C. E. Manchester and W. G. Riheldaffer.
Statistical Secretaries—S. B. D. Prickitt and J. Engle.
Railroad Secretaries—J. B. Feather and H. H. Westwood.
Conference Treasurers—R. M. Wallace and S. R. Dawson.

Missionary Society.

W. R. White, *President*. J. F. Chenoweth, *Secretary*.

Board of Church Extension.

President—W. C. Wilson. *Vice President*—C. D. Hubbard.
Cor. Secretary—Geo. C. Wilding. *Rec. Secretary*—John Bailie. *Treasurer*—James Reed.
Additional Members—W. R. White, S. Steele, W. G. Riheldaffer, H. K. List, Esq., Dr. T. H. Logan, D. H. K. Dix, and G. E. Hite.

Editors of Conference Daily.

E. H. Orwen, J. W. Bedford, J. W. Webb, S. E. Steele, S. C. Loomis, W. C. Snodgrass, and L. L. Stewart.

Visitors and Supervisors of Educational Institutions.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Board of Control—A. C. George, D. D., J. W. W. Bolton, D. D., Hon. B. F. Martin, and Dr. Thomas H. Logan.

Committee of Visitation—E. W. Ryan, C. E. Manchester, D. H. K. Dix, W. C. Brockunier, and Hon. G. W. Atkinson.

MOUNT UNION COLLEGE.

Committee of Supervision—S. E. Steele, G. Martin, and J. L. Clark.
Committee of Visitation—G. C. Wilding, W. R. White, and E. S. Wilson.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Committee of Visitation—W. R. White, S. Steele, and J. A. Fullerton.

BEAVER FEMALE COLLEGE.

Committee of Visitation—W. C. Wilson, W. C. Snodgrass, J. Wesley Webb, Hon. J. Marshall Hagans.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Committee of Visitation—A. Hall, B. Ison, C. E. Manchester, and Hon. C. F. Scott.

Board of Control of Permanent Conference Fund.

Ministers—G. Martin, J. L. Clark, D. H. K. Dix, and S. B. D. Prickitt.
Laymen—Dr. T. H. Logan, Henry Logan, Wm. Wagner, and E. J. Stone.
Corresponding Secretary—Samuel Steele. *Treasurer*—H. K. List.
Trustee of Jones Estate—S. B. D. Prickitt. *Custodian of Centenary Fund*—J. L. Clark.
Custodians of Pumphrey Bequest—A. J. Lyda and G. Martin.
Trustee of Monies and Notes Accruing from the Ward Bequest—The Secretary.
Agent to Secure Ward Bequest—A. J. Lyda.

Committees of Examination.

On Candidates for Admission—J. C. Rexroad, U. Pribble, and H. Scott.
On Course of Study—*First year*—E. S. Wilson, N. B. Johnson, and C. Warman.
Second year—M. W. Rider, T. R. Faulkner, and L. D. King.
Third year—J. T. Eichelberger, A. Mick, and M. McNeel.
Fourth year—W. W. Kelley, W. E. Loomis, and F. A. Trippett.
On Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—J. W. Bedford, T. Cotton, and G. Rogers.
On Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—L. L. Stewart, W. H. Young, and A. T. Morriston.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.

Preacher—L. L. Stewart. *Alternate*—L. H. Jordan.

To Preach Conference Sermon.

Preacher—W. W. Kelley. *Alternate*—W. H. Young.

Triers of Appeals.

E. S. Wilson, J. B. Feather, W. E. Lovett, J. A. Fullerton, B. Darlington, S. E. Steele, and T. B. Hughes.

Committee on Conference Boundaries.

W. C. Snodgrass, D. H. K. Dix, Joseph Lee, W. E. Loomis, A. C. George, H. Scott, J. W. Bedford, A. T. Morriston, H. C. Sanford.

EPISCOPAL DIRECTORY.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Entered the Ministry Ordained Bishop.
Levi Scott, D. D.	Odessa, Delaware.	1826 1852
Matthew Simpson, D. D., LL. D.	1020 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	1833 1852
Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D.	3029 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.	1839 1872
William L. Harris, D. D., LL. D.	30 East 58th Street, New York City.	1837 1872
Randolph S. Foster, D. D., LL. D.	36 Bromfield Street, Boston Mass.	1837 1872
Isaac W. Wiley, D. D.	190 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.	1851 1872
Stephen M. Merrill, D. D.	Care Hitchcock & Walden, Chicago, Ill.	1846 1872
Edward G. Andrews, D. D.	Des Moines, Iowa.	1848 1872
Gilbert Haven.	Atlanta, Georgia.	1851 1872
Jessie T. Peck, D. D., LL. D.	Syracuse, New York.	1832 1872

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

No. in List of Appointments.	NAMES.	State in Minis- try.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
12	Allemon, C. S.	Elder	Effective.	Palatine.	Marion	W. Va.
42	Baumgardner, N. L.	"	"	Sebysport	Garrett	Md.
103	Beckley, N. C.	"	"	Leon.	Mason	W. Va.
123	Bedford, J. W.	"	"	Milton	Cabell.	"
	Benedum, D. S.	"	Superannuated.	Cherry Camp	Harrison	"
	Birkett, J.	"	"	"	"	"
56	Boatman, H. J.	"	Effective.	Lumberport.	Harrison	"
1	Bolton, J. W.	"	"	Palatine	Marion	"
118	Brooks, R. L.	"	"	Point Pleasant.	Mason	"
	Brooks, R. L.	"	Superannuated.	Centreville.	Upshur	"
4	Cannon, W. F.	"	Effective.	Granville.	Monongalia	"
32	Carrico, W. D.	"	"	Bannen.	Marshall.	"
140	Carroll, J. T.	"	"	Fowler's Knob.	Nicholas.	"
87	Chenoweth, J. F.	"	"	Ravenswood.	Jackson.	"
110	Chevrolet, W. A.	"	"	Jackson C. H.	"	"
	Cidester, T. W.	"	Supernumerary	Albrightsville	Preston	"
80	Cirk, J. L.	"	Effective.	Parkersburg	Wood	"
48	Coo, D.	"	"	Newburg.	Preston	"
99	Copeland, G. R.	Deacon	"	Jarret's Ford.	Kanawha	"
98	Cotton, T.	Elder	"	Pocataligo.	"	"
	Conner, C.	"	Superannuated.	Moundsville.	Marshall	"
74	Conwell, J.	"	Effective.	Rock Cave.	Upshur	"
93	Crosfield, G.	"	"	Middlebourne.	Tyler	"
101	Cummings, S.	"	"	Clifton.	Mason	"
	Crawford, C.	"	Supernumerary	Delaware	Delaware	Ohio
116	Darlington, B.	"	Effective.	Elm Ford	Wayne	W. Va.
109	Davis, J. T.	"	"	Fisher's Point.	Jackson	"
	Dawson, S. R.	"	Supernumerary	Ellenboro	Ritchie	"
23	Dix, D. H. R.	"	Effective.	Wheeling	Ohio	"
	Dixon, A.	"	Superannuated.	Mountain Cove.	Fayette	"
25	Dolliver, J. J.	"	Effective.	Sherrard.	Marshall.	"
	Eckess, J. N.	"	Superannuated.	Buffalo.	Wilson.	Kan.
6	Eichelberger, J. T.	"	Effective.	White Day.	Monongalia	W. Va.
92	Engle, J.	Deacon	"	Sistersville.	Tyler	"
100	Faulkner, T. R.	Elder	"	Hartford City	Mason	"
60	Feather, J. B.	"	"	Barrackville	Marion	"
	Ford, E.	"	Supernumerary	Raccoon	Preston	"
44	Ford, F. G. W.	"	Effective.	Albrightsville	"	"
28	Fullerton, J. A.	"	"	"	Marshall	"
81	George, A. C.	"	"	Parkersburg	Wood	"
102	Griffitts, J. W.	"	"	Point Pleasant.	Mason	"
	Guthrie, F.	"	Superannuated.	Gallipolis.	Gallia.	Ohio.
122	Hagar, B.	"	Effective.	Peytona.	Boone.	W. Va.
33	Hall, A.	"	"	Cameron.	Marshall.	"
83	Hammond, D. S.	Deacon	"	Williamstown	Wood	"
58	Harrison, C. S.	Elder	"	Bridgeport.	Harrison	"
75	Heaton, D. M.	Deacon	"	Rock Cave.	Upshur	"

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117	Heatherly, L D.....	Deacon	Effective.....	Ceredo.....	Wayne.....	W Va
54	Hess, J H.....	Elder...	"	Cherry Camp.....	Harrison.....	"
104	Hess, J W.....	"	"	Fuffalo.....	Putnam.....	"
	Hitchens, S.....	"	Supernumerary	Morgantown.....	Monongalia.....	"
21	Hite, G E.....	"	Effective.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
22	Hughes, T B.....	"	"	"	"	"
36	Ison, B.....	"	"	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md
129	Johnson, C F.....	Deacon	"	Raleigh C H.....	Raleigh.....	W Va
7	Johnson, N B.....	Elder...	"	Masontown.....	Preston.....	"
68	Jones, S E.....	"	"	Weston.....	Lewis.....	Ohio
	Jones, S D.....	"	Superannuated.	Chester.....	Meigs.....	W Va
	Jones, G.....	"	"	Wellsburg.....	Brooke.....	"
8	Jordan, L H.....	"	Effective.....	Kingwood.....	Preston.....	"
90	Kelley, W W.....	"	"	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
9	King, S.....	"	"	Knottsville.....	Taylor.....	"
	King, E D W.....	"	Supernumerary	Jackson C H.....	Jackson.....	"
128	King, F H J.....	"	Effective.....	Deep Water.....	Fayette.....	"
84	King, L D.....	"	"	Bull Creek.....	Wood.....	"
52	Lakin, C H.....	"	"	West Milford.....	Harrison.....	"
82	Lambert, J W.....	Deacon	"	Parkersburg.....	Wood.....	"
	Laughlin, R.....	Elder...	Supernumerary	Fowler's.....	Brooke.....	"
40	Laughlin, J S.....	"	Effective.....	Deer Park.....	Garrett.....	Md
51	Lee, Jos.....	"	"	Clarksburg.....	Harrison.....	W Va
128	Loomis, S C.....	"	"	Mountain Cove.....	Fayette.....	"
66	Loomis, W E.....	"	"	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
67	Lovett, W E.....	"	"	"	"	"
	Lowther, S.....	"	Supernumerary	Madison.....	Morris.....	N J
	Lyda, A J.....	"	"	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	W Va
141	Mahone, B D.....	Deacon	Effective.....	Big Sycamore.....	Clay.....	"
56	Manchester, C E.....	Elder...	"	Charleston.....	Kanawha.....	"
90	Martin, G.....	"	"	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
	Metheny, G W.....	"	Superannuated.	Pocotaligo.....	Kanawha.....	"
13	Mercer, J E.....	Deacon	Effective.....	Blacksville.....	Monongalia.....	"
108	McNeel, M.....	Elder...	"	Smithville.....	Ritchie.....	"
	McGinnis, D A.....	"	Superannuated.	Mole Hill.....	"	"
69	Mick, A.....	"	Effective.....	Troy.....	Gilmer.....	"
139	Morrison, A T.....	"	"	Kessler's X Lanes.....	Nichols.....	"
	Norcraft, R.....	"	Superannuated.	Ellenboro.....	Ritchie.....	"
113	Orwen, E H.....	"	Effective.....	Guyandotte.....	Cabell.....	"
31	Parriott, G W.....	"	"	New Martinsville.....	Wetzel.....	"
11	Paugh, I C.....	Deacon	"	Fetterman.....	Taylor.....	"
120	Perry, A D.....	Elder...	"	Hamlin.....	Lincoln.....	"
	Pinchen, J B.....	"	Superannuated.	West Milford.....	Harrison.....	"
72	Poling, C.....	Deacon	Effective.....	Weston.....	Lewis.....	"
85	Prickitt, S B D.....	Elder...	"	Volcano.....	Wood.....	"
86	Pribble, U.....	"	"	Belleville.....	"	"
114	Price, C J.....	Deacon	"	Barboursville.....	Cabell.....	"
	Reger, J W.....	Elder...	Superannuated.	Buckhannon.....	Upshur.....	"
46	Rexroad, J C.....	"	Effective.....	Fellowsville.....	Preston.....	"
61	Rider, M W.....	"	"	Mannington.....	Marion.....	"
27	Riheldaffer, Wm G.....	"	"	Benwood.....	Marshall.....	"
36	Rippey, W E.....	"	"	Triadelphia.....	Ohio.....	"
70	Rogers, G.....	"	"	Philippi.....	Barbour.....	"
	Rogers, B F.....	"	Superannuated.	Palatine.....	Marion.....	"
106	Ryan, T P.....	"	Effective.....	Walton.....	Roane.....	"
10	Ryan, E W.....	"	"	Grafton.....	Taylor.....	"
	Sanford, V.....	"	Supernumerary	Charleston.....	Kanawha.....	"
39	Sanford, H C.....	"	Effective.....	Oakland.....	Garrett.....	Md
105	Scott, H.....	"	"	Kanawha Salines.....	Kanawha.....	W Va
97	Schaeffer, G C.....	"	"	Charleston.....	"	"
142	Shackelford, C R.....	"	"	Clendenin.....	"	"
	Shaw, W H.....	"	Superannuated.	West Columbia.....	Mason.....	"
14	Sharpes, W J.....	"	Effective.....	Jollytown.....	Greene.....	Penna
134	Sidebottom, J C.....	"	"	Logan C H.....	Logan.....	W Va
2	Snodgrass, W C.....	"	"	Morgantown.....	Monongalia.....	"
53	Snodgrass, J F.....	"	"	Wilsonburg.....	Harrison.....	"
8	Stevens, A.....	"	Superannuated.	Fairmont.....	Marion.....	"
19	Steele, S.....	"	Effective.....	Wheeling.....	Ohio.....	"
115	Steele, S E.....	"	"	Huntington.....	Cabell.....	"

Conference Directory—Continued.

No. in List of Appointments.	NAMES.	State in Ministry.	CONFERENCE RELATION.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
59	Stewart, L. L.	Elder	Effective	Fairmont	Marion	W. Va.
34	Thatcher, J. P.	"	"	Dallas	Marshall	"
16	Thompson, J. R.	"	"	Morgantown	Monongalia	"
3	Trainer, T. H.	"	"	"	"	"
45	Trippett, C. J.	"	"	St. George	Tucker	"
24	Trippett, F. A.	"	"	Wheeling	Ohio	"
73	Upton, C. W.	Deacon	"	Beverly	Randolph	"
	Varner, J. P.	"	Supernumerary	Madison	Morris	N. J.
	Wallace, R. M.	Elder	Superannuated	New Salem	Harrison	W. Va.
71	Warman, C.	"	Effective	Buckhannon	Upshur	"
29	Warden, J. M.	"	"	Moundsville	Marshall	"
47	Wasson, J. E.	"	"	Evansville	Preston	"
43	Weaver, J. G.	"	"	Brandonville	"	"
55	Welch, R. S.	"	"	Smithton	Doddridge	"
76	Weese, R.	"	"	Sutton	Braxton	"
57	West, W. M.	"	"	Pruntytown	Taylor	"
94	Westwood, H. H.	"	"	Ripley's	Tyler	"
112	Webb, J. W.	"	"	Huntington	Cabell	"
	West, J. B.	"	Superannuated	Newport	Washington	Ohio.
65	White, W. R.	"	Effective	Buckhannon	Upshur	W. Va.
17	Wilson, W. C.	"	"	Wheeling	Ohio	"
35	Wilson, E. S.	"	"	West Liberty	"	"
20	Wilding, G. C.	"	"	Wheeling	"	"
119	Williams, G. H.	"	"	Winfield	Putnam	"
	Williams, J. A.	"	Supernumerary	Sycamore Dale	Harrison	"
	Wiley, W. H.	"	"	Palatine	Marion	"
37	Wood, F. W.	"	Effective	Mount Union	Stark	Ohio
89	Woodruff, E. C.	"	"	Wirt C. H.	Wirt	W. Va.
	Woodyard, R. L.	"	Supernumerary	Parkersburg	Wood	"
126	Wriston, W.	"	Effective	Coalburg	Kanawha	"
88	Yongg, W. H.	"	"	Ritchie C. H.	Ritchie	"

LIST OF PROBATIONERS.

No. in List of Appointments.	NAMES.	Year on Trial.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
26	Ash, David L.	2	Moundsville	Marshall	W. Va.
62	Curtis, Albert L.	1	Fairmont	Marion	"
131	Graham, Christopher B.	1	Concord	Mercer	"
64	Harbert, E. G.	2	Burton	Wetzel	"
107	Hughes, Robert H.	2	Spencer	Roane	"
77	Lorentz, Samuel	1	Beverly	Randolph	"
91	Roberts, Loyd W.	1	West Union	Doddridge	"
138	Whiteman, James R.	1	Fayetteville	Fayette	"

WIDOWS WHO ARE CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

No.	NAMES.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1	S. Burns	Troy	Miami	Ohio.
2	Maria L. Battelle, (36 Bromfield St.)	Boston	Suffolk	Mass.
3	Jennie S. Smith	Newport	Perry	Pennsylvania.
4	Ellen Irwin	Fairmont	Marion	West Virginia.
5	Sarah F. Blundon	Charleston	Kanawha	"
6	Eliza J. Richmond	Dallas	Marshall	"
7	Julia C. Hartley	New Martinsville	Wetzel	"
8	Priscilla Hindman	Palatine	Marion	"
9	Selina Monroe	Point Pleasant	Mason	"

Sessions of the West Virginia Annual Conference.

Number.	Year.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1	1848	July 4.....	Wheeling	Hamline.....	Charles Cook.....
2	1849	October 5.....	Clarksburg.....	Waugh.....	Alex. Martin.....
3	1850	June 5.....	Parkersburg	Janes.....	Alex. Martin.....
4	1851	June 4.....	Charleston.....	Morris.....	Alex. Martin.....
5	1852	June 10.....	Morgantown.....	*Simpson.....	Alex. Martin.....
6	1853	June 8.....	Weston.....	Baker.....	Alex. Martin.....
7	1854	May 31.....	Fairmont.....	Scott.....	Alex. Martin.....
8	1855	May 30.....	Wheeling.....	Morris.....	Alex. Martin.....
9	1856	June 12.....	Buckhannon	Ames.....	S. R. Dawson.....
10	1857	April 16.....	Moundsville.....	Simpson.....	S. R. Dawson.....
11	1858	April 15.....	Charleston.....	Ames.....	S. R. Dawson.....
12	1859	April 20.....	Parkersburg	Morris.....	S. R. Dawson.....
13	1860	March 14.....	Morgantown.....	Scott.....	S. R. Dawson.....
14	1861	March 13.....	Wheeling.....	Baker.....	Samuel Steele.....
15	1862	March 12.....	Parkersburg	Scott.....	Samuel Steele.....
16	1863	March 18.....	Fairmont.....	Morris.....	Alex. Martin.....
17	1864	March 16.....	Parkersburg	Morris.....	Alex. Martin.....
18	1865	March 8.....	Wheeling.....	Janes.....	Alex. Martin.....
19	1866	March 21.....	Morgantown.....	Clark.....	Alex. Martin.....
20	1867	March 14.....	Catlettsburgh, Ky.....	Thomson.....	Alex. Martin.....
21	1868	March 11.....	Moundsville.....	Kingsley.....	Samuel Steele.....
22	1869	March 11.....	Clarksburg.....	Ames.....	Alex. Martin.....
23	1870	March 10.....	Charleston.....	Thomson.....	J. L. Clark.....
24	1871	March 9.....	Parkersburg	Clark.....	J. L. Clark.....
25	1872	March 6.....	Wheeling.....	Simpson.....	J. L. Clark.....
26	1873	March 5.....	Guyandotte.....	Andrews.....	J. L. Clark.....
27	1874	March 11.....	Fairmont.....	Scott.....	J. L. Clark.....
28	1875	March 3.....	Point Pleasant.....	Bowman.....	J. L. Clark.....
29	1876	March 15.....	Wheeling.....	Harris.....	J. L. Clark.....
30	1877	March 21.....	Grafton.....	Ames.....	J. L. Clark.....
31	1877	October 4.....	Charleston.....	Scott.....	J. L. Clark.....
32	1878	October 10.....	Parkersburg	Harris.....	Geo. C. Wilding.....
33	1879	October 1.....	Morgantown.....	Simpson.....	Geo. C. Wilding.....

*This was the first Conference held by Bishop Simpson.

Roll of General Conference Delegates.

1852.

Delegates—S. G. J. Worthington and Moses Tichenel.

Reserve—Hezekiah Z. Adams.

1856.

Delegates—Gideon Martin, James Drummond, and Gordon Battelle.

Reserves—William Lynch and William Hunter.

1860.

Delegates—Gordon Battelle, James Drummond and William Hunter.

Reserves—John L. Irwin and Gideon Martin.

1864.

Delegates—John W. Reger, James Drummond, and James L. Clark.

Reserves—T. H. Monroe and Alexander Martin.

1868.

Delegates—A. J. Lyda, Gideon Martin and Alexander Martin.

Reserves—J. L. Irwin and J. B. Blakeney.

1872.

Ministerial Delegates—Alexander Martin, J. Wesley Webb, S. Steele and Gideon Martin.

Reserves—B. Ison and D. H. K. Dix.

Lay Delegates—Hon. C. D. Hubbard and Hon. W. T. Willey.

Reserves—Dr. T. H. Logan and Nathan Goff, Sr.

1876.

Ministerial Delegates—J. W. W. Bolton, J. M. Powell and D. H. K. Dix.

Reserves—A. Hall and F. Ball.

Lay Delegates—G. W. Atkinson and Hon. B. F. Martin.

Reserves—John J. Brown and Hon. C. F. Scott.

1880.

Ministerial Delegates—Thomas B. Hughes, John R. Thompson and James L. Clark.

Reserves—Winfield C. Snodgrass and Samuel E. Steele.

Lay Delegates—Hon. W. T. Willey and Hon. H. C. McWhorter.

Reserves—Dr. T. H. Logan and Hon. C. F. Scott.

ROLL OF THE HONORED DEAD

OF

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

"They rest from their Labors, and their Works do follow them."

No.	NAMES.	PLACE OF DEATH.	DATE OF DEATH.	Conference Relation at Time of Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
1	George Deemer.....	Wayne County, West Va.....	October 9, 1851.....	Effective.....	28	2
2	Abraham Laughridge.....	Granville, ".....	April 22, 1854.....	On Trial.....	32	1
3	Silas Burns.....	South Wheeling, ".....	December 25, 1854.....	Effective.....	26	3
4	William Summers.....	Martin's Ferry, Ohio.....	March 29, 1855.....	Supernumerary.....	58	20
5	Eli McLaughlin.....	Ripley, West Va.....	April 3, 1855.....	On Trial.....	30	2
6	Alpheus Robe.....	Clinton Furnace, West Va.....	December 4, 1855.....	Superannuated.....	33	2
7	Jesse Freeland.....	Kingwood, ".....	June 6, 1856.....	On Trial.....	40	
8	James A Young.....	Pruntytown, ".....	1857.....	On Trial.....		1
9	Gordon Battelle.....	Washington, D. C.....	August 7, 1862.....	Effective.....	47	17
10	Jacob S Patterson.....	Knightstown, Indiana.....	July 10, 1864.....	Superannuated.....	45	21
11	Paul Vandervort.....	Jollytown, Pennsylvania.....	August 26, 1865.....	Effective.....	37	10
12	William R Carroll.....	Near Kingwood, West Va.....	July 20, 1867.....	Superannuated.....	38	4
13	W D Warman.....	Ravenswood, ".....	1868.....	Effective.....		7
14	Phillip Green.....	Near Lumberport, ".....	January 24, 1870.....	Superannuated.....	80	44
15	Allen B Smith.....	Buffalo, ".....	May 19, 1870.....	Effective.....	43	6
16	John L Irwin.....	Fairmont, ".....	April 26, 1871.....	Effective.....	59	40
17	George Monroe.....	Point Pleasant, ".....	August 8, 1872.....	Superannuated.....	69	25
18	Edgar B Blundon.....	Burning Springs, ".....	March 6, 1873.....	Effective.....	37	7
19	George W Richmond.....	Wheeling, ".....	March 16, 1874.....	Effective.....	41	17
20	Thomas M Hartley.....	West Liberty, ".....	May 3, 1875.....	Effective.....	33	11
21	Michael Dowler.....	Marshall County, ".....	November 29, 1875.....	Supernumerary.....	70	6
22	Moses Tichenel.....	Rosemond, Illinois.....	May 23, 1876.....	Superannuated.....	70	38
23	Wilson L Hindman.....	Moundsville, West Va.....	March 17, 1877.....	Effective.....	56	28
24	J G Blair.....	Fairmont, ".....	December 23, 1878.....	Effective.....	63	36
25	Francis M Hughes.....	Cameron, ".....	September 13, 1879.....	Effective.....	32	12

STEWARDS' REPORT

To the West Virginia Annual Conference, for the Year ending October 6, 1879.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.	Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.			
Morgantown District	J W W Bolton P E.	900 00	\$ 900 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 50 00	P125
" Station	W C Snodgrass.....	700 00	650 00	68 00	66 60	6 00	7 25	90
" Circuit	S Lowther.....	400 00	350 00	39 00	39 00	.....	2 67	.....
Smithtown.....	N B Johnson.....	600 00	426 78	76 00	75 58	3 66	6 67	P 50
Monongalia.....	J E Wasson.....	200 00	177 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	C S Harrison.....	350 00	500 00	66 00	66 00	1 30	1 10	P 50
Brandonville.....	J G Weaver.....	500 00	390 00	38 00	38 00	4 00	1 00	P 50
Pleasant Hill.....	F G W Ford.....	215 00	212 00	45 00	45 00	.....	3 00	.....
Grantsville.....	C J Price.....	700 00	700 00	68 00	68 00	8 00	37 00	P150
Kingwood.....	L H Jordan.....	410 00	350 00	48 00	48 00	1 00	70	68
Masontown.....	D Cool.....	660 00	600 00	55 00	55 00	5 00	20 00	P125
Oakland.....	B Ison.....	450 00	341 00	30 00	28 88	.....	95	.....
Deer Park.....	J S Laughlin.....	504 00	468 45	45 00	45 00	2 00	2 00	.....
Newburg.....	S King.....	550 00	407 13	62 00	62 00	1 00	5 00	.....
Evansville.....	W M West.....	400 00	366 06	36 00	36 00	5 00	2 04	P 40
Pleasant Grove.....	J W Hess.....	900 00	900 00	68 00	68 00	7 00	36 00	P100
Grafton.....	E W Ryan.....	500 00	500 00	54 00	54 00	2 00	7 09	.....
Knottsville.....	W J Sharpes.....	270 00	207 00	22 00	20 84	2 00	2 00	.....
Fetterman.....	A C Law.....	500 00	308 86	55 00	55 00	4 00	7 00	P100
Palatine.....	C S Allemong.....	375 00	288 00	40 00	40 00	2 64	.....	P 50
St. George.....	J T Eichelberger.....	386 00	322 00	39 00	37 86	3 00	10 10	.....
Sel'spts & Johnst'n.	N L Baumgardner.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$10,730 00	\$ 9,455 04	\$1,050 00	\$1,044 76	\$68 60	\$201 48	\$998
Wheeling District...	W C Wilson, P E.	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 2,500 00	\$ 220 00	\$ 220 00	\$17 00	\$160 00	P300
Fourth Street...	A C George.....	800 00	800 00	52 00	52 00	9 00	.....	P150
North Street...	S Steele.....	900 00	900 00	72 00	72 00	12 00	66 50	P150
Thomson Ch.....	Geo C Wilding.....	600 00	600 00	65 00	65 00	.....	15 00	.....
Zane Street.....	G E Hite.....	825 00	825 00	86 00	86 00	12 00	52 10	P150
Chapline Street	W R White.....	650 00	650 00	37 00	27 00	2 00	10 00	150
Wesley Chapel	W E Rippey.....	400 00	390 00	35 00	35 00	2 00	1 00	.....
Fulton.....	F A Trippett.....	600 00	604 00	75 00	75 00	7 00	11 00	P 75
Marshall.....	H C Sanford.....	800 00	800 00	75 00	75 00	3 20	7 00	P100
Moundsville.....	J M Warden.....	548 00	312 29	48 00	35 66	1 00	2 00	.....
New Martinsville	W D Carrico.....	418 00	408 00	48 00	48 00	.....	1 10	P 15
Greene.....	G W Parriott.....	550 00	550 00	42 00	42 00	.....	12 00	P 80
Cameron.....	A Hall.....	580 00	580 00	75 00	75 00	.....	8 00	.....
Grave Creek.....	W F Cannon.....	192 50	185 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	I C Paugh.....	550 00	550 00	72 00	66 43	5 00	20 00	P 80
Dallas.....	J P Thatcher.....	650 00	650 00	60 00	60 00	7 00	10 00	P 75
Short Cr & Lib'ty	E S Wilson.....	500 00	500 00	48 00	48 00	2 00	10 00	P100
Triadelphia.....	D H K Dix.....	500 00	645 00	40 00	36 55	2 00	8 65	108
Benwood.....	W G Riheladfer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$12,463 50	\$12,430 03	\$1,150 00	\$1,118 64	\$81 20	\$436 85	\$1523
Buckhannon District	T B Hughes, P E.	\$ 600 00	\$ 585 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	P 50
" Station	W E Loomis.....	455 00	160 00	100 00	100 00	2 06	3 65	.....
" Circuit	F M Hughes.....	.....	148 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	J W Reger.....	550 00	500 81	80 00	80 00	1 00	2 00	P 50
Philippi.....	W E Lovett.....	400 00	200 00	70 00	70 00	50	1 00	.....
Upshur.....	G Rogers.....	500 00	264 32	60 00	60 00	1 00	2 00	.....
Beverly.....	C W Upton.....	450 00	425 00	75 00	75 00	.....	2 00	.....
Sutton.....	C Poling.....	200 00	160 42	50 00	50 00	1 50	2 00	.....
Webster.....	D M Heaston.....	500 00	390 51	100 00	100 00	3 00	3 90	P 50
Frenchton.....	John Conwell.....	355 00	355 00	50 00	50 00	50	2 00	.....
Canaan.....	R Weese.....	600 00	441 75	80 00	57 20	2 25	6 00	P100
Weston.....	S E Jones.....	600 00	460 00	80 00	80 00	2 00	1 50	.....
Glenville.....	A Mick.....	48 00	35 00	40 00	20 00	40	1 00	.....
Randolph.....	T H Hawkins.....	325 00	260 42	60 00	60 00	.....	1 00	.....
Freemansburg.....	C Warman.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mingo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$ 5,583 00	\$ 4,386 47	\$ 980 00	\$ 902 20	\$19 15	\$ 38 05	\$250

*Deceased.

†Supplied six months.

Stewards' Report—Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.	Conference Collection	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.			
Clarksburg District.	G Martin, P. E.							
“ Station	M W Rider	\$ 600 00	\$ 465 00	\$ 60 00	55 45	4 25	\$ 11 10	
West Milford	C H Lakin	500 00	470 66	84 00	84 00	6 00	30 00	P 50
“	A L Curtis	75 00	66 20	50 00	43 15	3 00	2 00	
Wilsonburg	R S Welch	310 00	191 96					
“	D L Ash	150 00	72 74					
Cherry Camp	J H Hess	450 00	315 00	44 00	38 20	3 00	4 35	P 30
Smithton	J C Rexroad	400 00	300 00	46 00	45 06	3 00	6 00	P 30
Lumberport	H J Boatman	400 00	313 51	56 00	51 47	2 25	1 00	P 25
Pruntytown	J B Feather	625 00	460 00	82 00	68 85	5 50	6 50	P 70
Bridgeport	J P Varner	250 00	250 00	40 00	40 23	2 00	3 00	
Fairmont	L L Stewart	500 00	500 00	50 00	50 00	5 00	11 75	P 25
Marion	J J Dolliver	500 00	483 00	80 00	74 71	3 50	3 50	P 50
Mannington	T H Trainer	500 00	500 00	80 00	73 16	5 00	5 00	P 50
Logansport	C H Conway	210 00	165 00	32 00	32 00	1 00	1 00	
Pine Grove	J F Snodgrass	300 00	229 81	44 00	44 00	50	1 00	
Blacksville	J E Mercer	250 00	251 60	46 00	46 50	2 25	8 00	
Jollytown	C J Trippett	450 00	380 00	70 00	70 11	2 00	10 00	P 25
Littleton	E C Harbert	275 00	175 90	32 00	28 54	2 00		
		\$ 6,745 00	\$ 5,590 40	\$ 896 00	\$ 845 43	\$50 25	\$104 40	425
Parkersburg District	J L Clark, P. E.							
“ Station	C E Manchester	1,200 00	1,200 00	182 00	182 50	12 00	60 00	P250
“ Circuit	J F Chenoweth	460 00	463 31	75 00	76 03	4 00	16 00	P 40
Williamstown	C Crawford	175 00	211 50	50 00	38 92	1 00	2 00	
Mt. Pleasant	L D King	350 00	280 00	75 00	57 16	2 50	6 00	P 50
Volcano	J A Fullerton	750 00	750 00	70 00	48 19	3 00	5 00	P 50
Belleville	E C Woodruff	450 00	361 50	86 00	50 68	2 00	3 00	
Ravenswood	W H Shaw	600 00	351 36	81 00	41 51	2 56	3 63	P100
Harrisville	W H Young	500 00	438 32	90 00	72 68	6 86	5 45	P 50
Elizabeth	H H Westwood	385 00	313 52	77 00	53 15	2 00	12 00	P 80
Ellenboro	W W Kelly	540 00	419 13	86 00	54 64	3 10	10 00	
West Union	J Engle	400 00	133 01	71 00	50 77	1 00	3 00	80
Sistersville	R M Wallace	600 00	381 46	99 00	58 35	5 00	17 00	P 50
Middlebourne	G Crofield	500 00	278 25	76 00	44 86	3 00	3 00	P 50
Centerville	J W Lambert	450 00	433 50	61 00	61 00	3 00	2 00	
Petroleum	*L Newbanks			30 00				
		\$ 7,360 00	\$ 5,934 38	\$1,200 00	\$ 880 75	\$51 02	\$148 08	750
Charleston District	S E Steele, P. E.							
“ Station	S B D Prickitt	850 00	555 00	80 00	50 00	1 00	5 00	P20
“ Circuit	T Cotton	500 00	306 00	65 00	56 55	2 00	3 50	P 40
East Charleston	W A Cheuvront	350 00	310 00	50 00	50 00	2 50	1 00	
Malden	H Scott	600 00	500 00	60 00	51 90	1 00	1 00	P 50
Nicholas	A T Morrison	500 00	371 44	65 00	59 84	3 92	12 00	P 25
Snow Hill	*S Smith	200 00	160 00	50 00	37 32			
Mountain Cove	G R Copeland	340 00	231 28	65 00	67 90	2 00	2 00	P 24
Hartford City	T R Faulkner	550 00	291 13	65 00	47 27	4 00	5 00	60
Mason City	S Cummings	400 00	231 47	45 00	31 95	2 00	2 00	P 60
Clifton	W Prettymann	600 00	325 00	50 00	25 00			P 60
Pt. Pleasant	J W Griffiths	500 00	395 83	65 00	47 21	3 00	2 00	P100
Letart and Leon	N C Beckley	550 00	372 70	65 00	45 50	4 00	6 00	
Cross Creek	J T Carroll	370 00	125 00	51 00	51 00	1 00	1 35	
Mill Creek	C R Shackelford	340 00	215 06	65 00	54 51	2 00	3 00	
Ripley	R H Hughes	402 00	261 85	50 00	38 52	1 50	1 50	
Spencer	M McNeel	500 00	170 00	80 00	66 59			
Smithville	E D W King	450 00	350 00	65 00	53 08	1 50	2 00	
Walton	T P Ryan	470 00	250 00	60 00	51 90	1 00	1 00	
Pleasant Retreat	B D Mahone	325 00	212 00	65 00	57 46	2 50	3 00	P 20
Elk River	J T Davis	450 00	260 00	70 00	63 14	50	2 00	P 25
		\$ 9,195 00	\$ 5,899 76	\$1,231 00	\$ 993 45	\$35 42	\$ 53 35	584

*Supplied.

Steward's Report—Continued.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.			Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.	Conference Collection	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	NAMES.	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Rec'pts.			
Guyandotte District.	J W Webb, P E.							
" Station	J Lee.	\$ 450 00	\$ 450 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 10 00	
Huntington	G C Schaeffer.	600 00	600 00	60 00	60 00	2 00	5 00	
Barboursville	S C Loomis.	200 00	50 00	40 00	26 24			
Wayne & Ceredo	G H Williams.	300 00	268 58	60 00	60 00	1 00	3 00	
" "	L D Heatherly.	100 00	72 20					
Monticello	D S Hammond.	300 00	203 00	40 00	35 00	2 00	2 00	
Winfield	U Pribble.	400 00	175 00	50 00	50 00	1 25	1 25	
Hamlin	B Darlington.	400 00	260 81	50 00	39 90	75	50 P 25	
Coal River	B Hagar.	260 00	83 47	40 00	15 10	50	1 00	
St. Alb's & Milt n	J W Bedford.	325 00	145 41	40 00	20 70	25	1 00	
" "	J C Sidebottom.	31 45	14 00					
" "	J R Whiteman.	18 75	11 00					
" "	J L Moses.	25 00	16 00					
Boone	A D Perry.	250 00	132 67	50 00	25 47	25	05 P 15	
Hinchman's.	F H Honaker.			40 00	30 50			
Fayette	F H J King.	500 00	318 60	50 00	50 00	80	1 50	
Mercer	E H Orwen.	150 00	150 00					
Raleigh & Sum'rs	C F Johnson.	350 00	200 00	50 00	55 00		1 00 P 40	
Coalburg	W Wriston.	250 00	60 19	50 00	36 45	70	1 75	
Wyoming & McDow'l	J Glendenning.			40 00	18 31	25	05	
Cassville	J R Whiteman.	150 00	83 20	40 00	20 20			
Sandy & Logan Miss.	J W Williamson.	100 00	28 00	40 00	18 86			
" "	W H Mongoul.	50 00	15 00					
Missionary Fund				250 00	250 00			
		\$ 5,210 00	\$ 3,337 13	\$ 1,050 00	\$ 867 73	\$ 11 75	\$ 28 10	\$ 80

*Supplied five months. †Supplied three months. ‡Supplied four months. §Supplied.

¶Supplied nine months.

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	PREACHERS.		Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.	Conference Collection.	For Parsonages & House Rent.
	Claims.	Receipts.	Claims.	Receipts			
Morgantown	\$ 10,730 00	\$ 9,455 04	\$ 1,050 00	\$ 1,044 76	\$ 68 60	\$ 201 48	\$ 998
Wheeling	12,463 50	12,430 03	1,130 00	1,098 64	81 20	436 85	1523
Buckhannon	5,583 00	4,386 47	980 00	902 20	19 15	38 05	250
Clarksburg	6,745 00	5,590 40	896 00	845 43	50 25	104 40	425
Parkersburg	6,760 00	5,583 02	1,200 00	860 31	51 02	144 45	750
Charleston	9,195 00	5,899 76	1,231 00	993 45	35 42	53 35	584
Guyandotte	5,210 00	3,337 13	1,050 00	867 73	11 75	28 10	80
	\$ 56,686 50	\$ 46,681 95	\$ 7,537 00	\$ 6,612 52	\$ 317 39	\$ 1,006 68	\$ 4610

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. K. DIX, Chairman,

E. J. STONE, Secretary.

NAMES OMITTED.

The characters of Wesley Prettyman and Charles H. Conway, Effective Elders, were passed by the Conference, (See pages 6 and 7), and it was understood they were to be transferred to Western Conferences, but at the adjournment of the Conference their transfers had not yet been announced, and at the last moment of going to press, I have no official information in regard to them.

GEO. C. WILDING, Secretary.

STATISTICS FOR WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1879.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bapti'ms		Church Property.			Sab Schools			Benevolent Collections.													
	Prob'ners	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach'rs	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Clement.	For Missions.				Woman's F. Miss'ty Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Socie- ty.	Education.	American Bible Society	
															Ch'ch's	Sabbath Schools	Total.									
Morgantown District																										
" Station	4	190	1	...	...	3	1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 1,500	1	22	203	\$ 50 00	\$ 74 00	\$	\$ 74 00	\$ 10 25	\$ 9 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 50	\$ 9 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 26 30	
" Circuit	410	2 6	1	...	...	21	6	5,000	...	...	...	75	415	7 25	20 00	...	30 00	...	1 50	40	...	60	1 00	1 50	...	
Smithtown	406	1 4	1	...	...	40	7	8,000	...	...	...	50	300	2 07	7 00	...	7 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Monongalia	5	606	5 8	...	...	10	25	4,000	...	...	...	800	350	...	...	...	8 74	...	...	...	...	35	20	...	30	
Brandonville	406	1 4	1	...	...	9	12	10,000	1	800	...	42	260	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	75	42	50		
Pleasant Hill	107	1 1	7	...	...	13	4	3,400	1	300	...	59	270	...	...	...	8 74	...	...	...	...	35	20	...		
Grantsville	31	131	2	...	...	35	3	1,000	...	...	...	20	175	...	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	1 50	75	3 00	75		
Kingwood	22	265	1 1	...	...	10	4	12,000	...	...	...	3	200	...	...	...	30 00	...	...	...	42 39	7 00	1 00	7 00		
Masontown	265	1 1	5	...	...	10	4	3,500	1	600	...	15	223	...	...	...	70	...	...	...	4 36	1 00	...	...		
Oakland	22	302	2 1	...	...	8	12	4,000	1	1,500	...	47	223	...	...	...	200	...	...	...	44 00	1 00	...	...		
Deer Park	4	170	2 1	...	...	8	3	1,000	...	...	...	10	170	...	...	...	6 36	...	...	...	45 00	2 50	1 13	1 25		
Newburg	2	120	1 2	...	...	9	5	2	...	...	...	15	102	...	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	9 00	...	...	...		
Evansville	9	351	1 3	...	...	5	6	6,000	...	...	...	5	22	...	...	...	6 00	...	...	...	6 00	1 00	50	50		
Pleasant Grove...	16	284	1 1	...	...	8	16	3	...	...	...	68	382	...	...	...	2 04	...	...	...	4 55	1 00	...	...		
Grafton	18	322	4	...	...	4	5	10,000	1	1,500	...	1	16	...	...	...	36 00	...	...	...	28 00	28 00	50 00	8 00		
Knottsville	214	1 2	6	...	...	5	5	5,500	...	...	...	7	60	...	...	...	7 50	...	...	...	10 00	1 00	30	25		
Fetterman	80	1	1	...	...	1	1	4,000	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	2 25	...	...	...	2 25	...	...	...		
Palatine	40	652	3 5	...	...	30	41	10,000	1	1,200	...	8	90	...	...	...	7 00	...	...	...	10 00	2 55	25	25		
St. George	2	233	1 1	...	...	4	5	4,000	1	650	...	6	60	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...		
Sel'spt & Johnst'n.	33	310	5 4	...	...	2	6	3,000	1	200	...	8	80	...	...	...	23 35	...	...	...	2 00	3 00	1 00	1 00		
	207	5918	27 48	...	...	148	258	83	\$109,000	12	\$12,450	96	902	5405	\$192 26	\$298 61	\$ 59 00	\$ 357 61	\$ 53 64	\$ 40 45	\$ 8 73	\$13 70	\$32 85	\$ 10 02		
Buckhannon District																										
" Station	23	191	1 4	...	...	19	3	\$ 2,500	1	\$ 700	2	27	175	10 00	21 50	13 60	35 10	...	...	...	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		
" Circuit	359	4 1	1	...	...	1	7	5,000	...	...	...	7	64	267	3 65	12 50	13 79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Philippi	10	518	6 4	...	...	1	13	8	...	...	...	7	34	340	2 00	7 10	7 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Upshur	15	400	1 1	...	...	5	20	9	...	...	...	5	23	174	1 00	2 00	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Beverly	20	283	6 2	...	...	1	9	2,000	...	...	...	3	20	125	2 00	4 00	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Sutton	11	330	4 1	...	...	22	28	6	...	...	...	13	50	262	2 00	10 00	10 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Webster	47	119	1	...	...	11	10	1	...	...	...	4	33	129	1 00	11 00	11 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Frenchton	630	4 4	4	...	...	19	8	4,500	1	450	6	45	300	3 59	30 00	30 00	30 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Canaan	9	345	3 2	...	...	26	42	2	...	...	...	9	40	215	2 00	3 00	1 00	4 00	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Weston	102	2 1	4	...	...	4	3	3,500	1	1,800	2	18	149	6 00	19 14	5 86	25 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Glenville	18	425	2 4	...	...	6	14	5	...	...	...	7	51	274	1 50	8 00	2 00	10 00	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Randolph	33	79	3	...	...	1	5	1	...	...	...	6	30	180	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Freemansburg...	5	345	6 3	...	...	5	5	3,500	...	...	...	6	75	340	1 00	7 51	7 51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
	191	4456	39 31	...	...	79	188	64	\$ 35,900	5	\$ 4,300	77	510	2930	\$ 36 74	\$136 84	\$ 23 66	\$ 160 50	...	\$ 7 71	\$ 2 30	\$ 2 50	\$ 6 00	\$ 2 15		

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Membership.				Bapti'sms		Church Property.			Sab Schools			Benevolent Collections.												
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															Ch'ch's	Sabbath Schools	Total.								
Wheeling District...	8	334	...	8	6	...	1	\$ 50,000	1	\$ 4,000	2	50	400	\$160 00		\$500 00	\$ 500 00	\$200 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 5 00	\$10 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 30 00	...	...
" North Street...	10	230	...	1	13	2	1	9,000	1	2,000	1	30	350	42 00		10 00	42 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	...	...
" Thomson Ch...	12	230	...	1	13	13	1	16,000	1	2,500	1	25	308	66 50	32 00	60 00	140 00	37 50	11 00	2 00	3 00	9 00	3 00	7 91	...
" Zane Street...	35	227	...	2	30	15	1	18,000	1	...	1	10	140	12 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	38 50	3 00	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 25	...
" Chapline Street	1	204	...	1	21	2	1	7,000	1	2,200	1	38	300	52 10	58 10	46 00	104 10	4 00	11 00	2 50	...	...	...	10 00	...
" Wesley Chapel	75	135	...	4	35	5	1	8,000	...	...	1	25	224	10 00		15 00	15 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 07	...	
Fulton.....	15	120	...	...	9	6	2	4,000	...	...	2	24	171	1 50	10 00	...	10 00	...	95	25	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall.....	10	105	...	3	12	15	6	5,000	1	600	8	75	385	11 00	10 00	13 00	23 00	6 85	2 00	1 00	1 50	3 00	1 00	14 00	...
Benwood.....	10	120	...	4	23	1	1	4,500	...	...	1	16	120	8 64	1 70	18 30	20 00	...	1 30	56	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	...
Moundsville.....	...	250	...	4	8	...	1	...	1	800	1	21	200	8 00	17 00	11 00	28 00	24 60	...	...	...	...	...	11 50	...
New Martinsville	1	185	...	3	3	5	3	3,500	...	...	3	20	200	2 00	1 50	...	1 50	...	15	...	...	50	...	2 50	...
Greene.....	104	250	...	3	2	36	7	3,000	1	300	9	35	325	1 00	4 00	5 00	9 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 33	...
Cameron.....	24	195	...	1	2	1	2	3,000	1	1,600	2	22	86	12 00	5 08	18 92	24 00	8 80	4 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	13 32	...
Grave Creek.....	3	377	...	3	10	17	8	8,000	...	...	9	81	500	8 00	75 00	5 00	80 00	...	7 00	3 00	1 50	2 00	5 00	18 30	...
Dallas.....	5	320	...	3	1	3	3	2,000	1	1,000	3	33	260	20 00	13 80	11 00	24 80	3 25	2 00	2 50	1 00	2 00	1 00	6 00	...
Short Cr & Lib'ty	...	180	...	6	2	15	2	13,000	1	475	2	13	100	15 00	45 00	...	45 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 60	...
Triadelphia.....	2	105	...	2	15	10	1	5,000	1	3,000	1	12	85	10 00	27 50	2 50	30 50	...	3 00	65	1 05	5 00	...	6 20	...
Clarkesburg District...	305	3545	15	46	205	146	42	\$159,000	11	\$18,475	48	539	4154	\$434 74	\$420 68	\$715 72	\$ 1136 40	\$319 50	\$110 45	\$21 21	\$23 05	\$79 50	\$ 45 00	109 98	...
" Station	5	154	...	2	4	...	1	\$ 11,000	...	...	2	18	242	11 10	\$ 6 45	7 05	\$ 13 50	...	\$ 2 75	1 10	1 00	\$ 50	...	14 00	...
West Milford.....	50	487	...	2	4	...	8	7,500	1	600	2	32	275	30 00	144 50	...	2 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	6 00	1 00	...	2 00	...
Wilsonburg.....	9	323	...	2	20	...	2	3,500	...	...	5	37	275	...	2 00	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cherry Camp.....	13	301	...	2	6	...	5	3,000	...	...	5	54	366	4 53	3 35	3 00	6 35	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smithton.....	3	270	...	1	11	...	4	2,500	1	350	4	26	120	6 00	10 00	...	10 00	...	75	...	50	50	...	50	...
Lumberport.....	3	350	...	4	...	...	3	2,225	1	1,350	3	20	175	6 50	11 50	1 65	2 06	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...
Pruntytown.....	3	235	...	3	3	...	1	8,500	...	...	3	20	125	3 00	...	...	3 00	...	1 00	41	60	...	...	1 00	...
Bridgeport.....	2	171	...	1	12	...	5	1,000	1	1,500	3	14	145	11 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairmont.....	6	105	...	2	8	...	15	6,000	1	325	6	45	425	3 00	22 58	26 80	49 47	...	1 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	75	4 88
Marion.....	27	364	...	2	12	...	6	3,000	1	1,200	6	60	355	5 00	9 32	10 68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mannington.....	4	312	...	4	2	...	3	1,200	...	...	3	21	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 06	...
Logansport.....	8	212	...	...	2	...	40	1,250	...	...	7	47	250	1 00	1 00	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pine Grove.....	2	320	...	2	6	...	4	5,550	...	...	4	40	362	8 00	2 00	5 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	...
Hacksville.....	4	434	...	1	1	...	2	5,550	1	400	9	45	500	10 00	10 00	...	10 00	...	3 00	...	1 00	3 00	...	...	...
Jollytown.....	20	133	...	4	3	7	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	4 00	1 00	5 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Littleton.....	191	4636	40	51	49	109	71	\$ 59,625	8	\$ 6,425	71	585	4265	\$101 85	\$241 60	\$ 74 77	\$ 316 37	\$ 18 00	\$ 23 00	\$ 5 01	\$ 7 10	\$15 00	\$ 4 75	\$31 94	...

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Parkersburg District																										
" Station	330	4	5	10	1	\$ 40,000	1	\$ 7,000	1	28	255	\$ 60 00	185	96	\$ 24 75	\$ 210 71	\$ 36 00	\$ 10 00	\$	5 00	\$37 55					
" Circuit	353	2	3	25	8	4,350	1	200	6	48	280	16 00	6 00	5 00		11 00		1 00		46	50					
Williamstown	2	76	9	4	1	2,500			1	11	75	2 00	6 20	80		7 00								5 39		
Mt. Pleasant	6	250	2	6	7	32	6	4,000	1	400	5	30	200	6 00	13 00		13 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	1 00			
Volcano	28	151			13	33	1	1,000	1	500	1	19	183	5 00	4 00	6 00	10 00		25	25	25	50	25			
Belleville	8	300	1	4	2	4	3	2,000			8	85	430	3 00	5 00		5 00	1 00	50	50	00			1 00		
Ravenswood	11	275	7	2	20			2,000	1	1,200	2	18	75	2 63	3 00	1 00	4 00							4 75		
Harrisville	3	420	1	6	3	6		7,000	1	1,100	5	56	325	5 45	19 10	1 60	20 70		42	27	1 10	15	53	1 15		
Elizabeth	16	139	1		2	3		3,200	1	500	22	232	12 00	6 33	3 77	10 00		8 00	50	50	1 00		2 72			
Ellenboro	28	441	2	5	9			4,100			68	375	10 00	10 00		10 00		00			1 00		1 60			
West Union	11	92	1		2			2,500			2	10	125	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00			60					
Sistersville	3	298	4		4	7		3,800			5	49	193	17 00	11 95	13 05	25 00	3 00	1 09	2 00	11 00	1 25	8 01			
Middlebourne	75	300	2		28	6		3,000	1	600	2	15	95	3 00	5 00	1 00	6 00		25	30	20	10	15	9 05		
Centerville	45	488	2		6			2,500			7	40	350	2 00	6 00		6 00									
	256	3923	15	37	47	174	58	\$ 81,900	8	\$11,500	56	499	3241	\$147 08	\$284 54	\$ 56 97	\$ 341 51	\$ 39 00	\$ 17 92	\$ 3 82	\$ 6 01	\$24 05	\$ 3 18	\$72 22		
Charleston District																										
" Station	12	127	1				1	\$ 12,000			1	13	90	5 00	\$ 5 00	\$	5 00		\$ 3 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	
" Circuit	25	109	1	3	5	8	2	2,000			2	18	140	3 50	7 50		7 50									
East Charleston	120	251	2		33						4	35	214	1 00	5 00		5 00									
Malden	24	160	2		8	24	1	3,000	1	1,000	4	50	250	1 00	2 00		2 00						50			
Nicholas	33	310	3	2	1	12	3	1,800	1	300	3	18	80	12 00	14 20	80	15 00									
Mountain Cove	20	212	4		8		1	700	1	600	4	30	200	2 00	5 54	3 41	8 95	25	25	25	25	25	25			
Hartford City	50	190	1	2	1		2	2,500			2	32	250	5 00	6 00	10 00	16 00		2 00	1 00	50	2 00	50	1 26		
Mason City	80	86	1	2	5	4	1	2,000			1	21	140	2 00	4 00	4 00	8 00		1 00	28		1 00	20			
Clifton	10	65	6		7	1	1	5,000	1	800	1	14	70		6 15		6 15							1 25		
Pt. Pleasant	23	190	1		5	3	5	5,500	1	1,500	3	30	176	2 00	4 00	5 00	9 00							1 25		
Letart and Leon	29	225	2	3	8	17	5	6,000	1	600	6	60	250	6 00	10 00	5 86	15 86	83	4 00	35	46	4 00	50	4 08		
Cross Creek	23	117	3	2	4	8					5	44	143	1 35	3 00		3 00	50	1 50		75		2 00			
Mill Creek	65	145	3		7	12					3	24	150	3 00	4 00		4 00						2 05			
Ripley	75	290	3	5	5	25	2	700			3	27	100	1 50	3 00		3 00		50		50		3 90			
Spencer	18	375	2				5	4,500																		
Smithville	26	350	4		7	9		3,000			2	63	270	2 00	4 40	60	5 00		50	25	25	25	25	25		
Walton	36	220	3		1	1		500			2	14	40	1 00	4 00		4 00		25				1 70			
Pleasant Retreat	74	247	6	1	11	1		300	1	200	2	16	73	3 00	5 00		5 00						25			
Elk River	84	231	5	3	8	1					6	43	220	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00		25	25	25	25	25	25		
	827	3990	40	51	67	169	38	\$ 49,500	7	\$ 5,000	61	552	2846	\$ 53 85	\$ 88 64	\$ 36 82	\$ 125 46	\$ 1 58	\$ 13 00	\$ 3 63	\$ 2 71	\$10 00	\$ 3 45	\$18 24		

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														Ch'ch's	Sabbath Schools	Total.								
Guyandotte District..	10	118	...	1	3	...	1	\$ 3,000	...	1	18	150	\$ 10 00	\$ 14 50	\$ 5 50	\$ 20 00	\$ 22 25	25	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 50	35	25	5	...
Huntington Station	3	109	1	2	4	10	1	4,000	...	1	24	256	5 00	9 00	17 00	26 00	20 00	3 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	50	...	...
Barboursville	53	132	1	1	...	...	2	3,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wayne & Ceredo	14	310	4	1	...	33	4	2,300	1	300	6	35	225	3 00	2 00	50	2 50	...	...	...	50	...	...	...
Monticello	102	210	2	2	4	18	4	2,100	...	...	5	45	186	3 00	5 45	2 55	8 00	...	1 00	...	50	1 00	...	...
Winfield	25	215	2	3	32	1	4	1,600	1	300	6	48	200	1 25	4 00	50	4 50	...	...	50	1 00	...	...	...
Hamlin	103	207	11	4	1	28	1	300	1	350	3	24	115	50	5 00	...	5 00	25	...	...	25	25	25	...
Coal River	20	200	1	...	...	...	2	900	...	...	2	15	70	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	...	...	...	25	25	25	25
St. Alb's & Milt n	96	172	2	4	13	30	2	900	...	10	20	300	1 00	2 00	...	2 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boone	10	154	1	5	3	6	1	300	1	150	...	...	...	25	1 00	...	4 00	30	20	25	25	25	25	25
Hinchman's	29	149	3	3	1	...	...	25	...	...	4	24	100	...	1 30	...	...	...	...	...	50	25	...	...
Fayette	76	183	4	1	6	20	1	300	1	300	4	24	100	1 50	1 00	60	1 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mercer	20	275	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	40	...	1 40	...	2 00	50	20	20	20	20	20	20
Raleigh & Sum'r's	...	353	7	...	...	23	1	300	1	300	4	15	75	1 00	1 50	...	1 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coalburg	51	86	1	1	2	3	1	...	...	1	7	18	...	1 75	4 95	25	1 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wyoming & McDow'l	30	160	3	...	10	...	...	...	...	1	6	30	...	...	...	5 20	...	2 45	10	10	50	10	10	10
Cassville	37	140	2	...	...	2	3	500	...	4	33	94	...	10	50	...	50	...	10	10	5	5	5	5
Sandy	30	130	2	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	3	18	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	727	3293	50	30	82	185	28	\$ 20,525	6	\$ 1,700	52	343	1877	\$ 28 35	\$ 54 60	\$ 27 15	\$ 81 75	\$ 46 75	\$ 8 60	\$ 2 10	\$ 3 40	\$ 5 85	\$ 1 60	\$ 60

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS	Membership.			Baptisms		Church Property.			Sab. Schools.		Benevolent Collections.													
	Prob'ners	Full Mem- bers.	L. Preach'rs	Deaths	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages. Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Conference Claimants.	For Missions.			Woman's For. Miss. Society.	Board of Church Ex- tension.	For Tract Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Freed- men's Aid Society.	For Education.	Bible.	
														Ch'ch's	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Morgantown.....	207	5918	27	48	148	258	83	\$109,000	12	\$12,450	96	902	5465	192 26	\$ 298 61	\$ 59 00	\$ 357 61	\$ 53 64	\$ 40 45	\$ 8 73	\$ 23 70	\$ 32 85	\$ 10 02	\$ 89 72
Wheeling	395	3545	15	40	205	146	42	159,000	11	18,475	48	539	4154	434 93	420 68	715 72	1,130 40	319 50	110 45	21 21	23 05	79 50	45 00	109 98
Clarksburg	191	4036	40	51	49	199	71	59,625	8	6,425	71	585	4265	101 85	241 60	74 77	316 37	18 00	23 00	10 01	15 00	4 75	31 94	
Buckhannon.....	191	4150	39	31	79	188	64	35,900	7	4,300	77	610	2930	36 74	136 84	23 66	160 50	...	7 71	2 50	6 00	2 15	30 51	
Parkersburg	256	3913	15	37	47	174	58	81,900	5	11,500	56	499	3241	147 08	284 54	56 09	241 41	39 00	17 92	6 01	24 05	3 16	72 22	
Charleston	827	3990	40	51	67	169	38	49,500	5	5,000	61	552	2846	53 35	88 54	36 82	125 46	1 58	13 00	2 63	10 00	3 45	18 24	
Guyandotte.....	729	3293	50	30	82	185	28	20,525	6	1,700	52	333	1877	28 35	54 60	27 15	81 75	46 75	8 10	3 40	6 35	1 35	60	
Total.....	2706	29451	226	294	677	1319	384	\$515,450	57	\$60,850	461	3920	24778	\$994 56	\$1,525 51	\$994 09	\$2,519 50	\$478 47	\$221 33	\$46 80	\$58 47	\$173 75	\$69 90	\$362 21
Increase.....	128	.....	.....	11	17	.....	10	.....	1	580	15	16	2527	66 62	24 65	27 98	52 63	08 78	86 53	.....	.....	10 56	.....	
Decrease.....	738	18	.....	.....	341	.....	.....	463	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	10 33	35 55	.....	31	

